Rosebud: Kidnap victim may testify vs Ping

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Secret to very long life a chromosome away

WASHINGTON—A group of genes within a region of chromosome 4 may hold the secret to very, very long life, scientists say.

After looking at the genes of sets of siblings who have lived to extreme old age, researchers at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston said they have found subtle differences in gene structure that might be responsible for their living into their 90s and even longer.

SECRET/ A5

Irish priest shot dead

Fr. Rufus Halley resisted kidnappers with Armalites in Lanao Sur

BY EDWIN O. FERNANDEZ
PDI Mindanao Bureau

COTABATO CITY—An Irish missionary priest was shot dead yesterday by four masked men believed to be kidnappers in Malabang, Lanao del Sur, police said.

Fr. Rufus Halley, a Columban missionary in Malabang for 20 years, was heading for his convent after an inter-religious dialogue in nearby Balabagan town at 5 p.m. when he was attacked.

He was shot in the head and died on the spot, according to Senior Supt. Akmad Omar, police chief of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Cotabato Archbishop Orlando Quevedo, president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, strongly condemned Halley's murder and urged authorities to give justice to the fallen man of God.

"I'm very sad . . . I strongly condemn this act. (It's) very tragic," Quevedo said.

"We have this someone, a missionary at that, working for the people, for better understanding and love, is shot dead," he said. "What a great loss for people who are working for peace."

Omar said Halley was riding on his motorcycle when the gunmen flagged him down on a dirt road in Diamaro District.

"He was supposed to be kidnapped, but according to witnesses, the priest resisted and he was shot," Omar told Church-run radio dxMS here late yesterday afternoon.

"He died instantly," Omar later said in a telephone interview from his base in Parang, Maguindanao.

He said the gunmen were armed with Armalite rifles and sporting ski masks.

IRISH/ A4

AP

A TIME to weep for Chinese Ambassador to the Philippines Wang Chungui (above, right) and for the wife (second from left), daughter and other relatives of Chinese kidnap victim Zhang Zhongqiang. The embassy has "expressed shock and pain" over the fatal shooting of engineers Zhang and his colleague Xue Xing, by their Moro abductors last week in Sultan Kudarat.

'Kidnappers are inhuman'

CHINESE Ambassador Wang Chungui yesterday wept openly at a memorial service for two Chinese engineers killed by Moro kidnappers as he appealed to Manila to quickly secure the release of his compatriot still in the hands of the bandits.

"The kidnappers are inhuman and abominable," Wang said at the memorial to Zhang Zhongqiang and Xue Xing, whose white coffins were placed side by side in front of grieving relatives, friends and co-workers at the Funeraria Paz in Quezon City.

His eyes welling with tears, Wang said the killing of the two Chinese had "irreparably hurt the feelings of their family members and the fellow workers of their company."

In his eulogy, Wang also said he had asked the Philippine government to do everything it can to secure the release of another Chinese still held by the kidnappers.

"The life of Mr. Zhang Zhongyi is still at stake . . . We have strongly requested the Philippine side to take all appropriate measures to ensure the safety of the remaining Chinese hostage and, under this circumstance, to have the abducted released at an early date," he said.

Moro bandits killed Zhang Zhongqiang and Xue Xing while the two were trying to escape during a gun battle last week between the military and the so-called "Pentagon" kidnap gang in Sultan Kudarat.

Another kidnapped Chinese engineer, Wang Shengli, escaped.

KIDNAPPERS/ A4

19 civilians killed–MILF; That's not true, says AFP

BY ALLAN NAWAL
PDI Mindanao Bureau
AND CARLITO PABLO

AT LEAST 19 civilians, 14 of them minors, were killed when a military unit stormed a remote village in Sumisip, Basilan, early Monday morning in pursuit of Abu Sayyaf bandits, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front said yesterday.

MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu said the 10th Infantry Battalion entered Barangay Baiwas in the wake of an encounter with the Abu Sayyaf but, "when they failed to find any of their enemies," fired instead at the civilians.

"There was an encounter and the soldiers returned to the village and fired indiscriminately

19 CIVILIANS/ A4

Kidnap victim from Xiamen may testify vs Ping–Rosebud

BY CHRISTINE HERRERA,
CARLITO PABLO
AND ARMAND NOCUM

FORMER undercover agent Mary Ong alias Rosebud arrived last night from Xiamen, China, to testify today before the Senate on Sen. Panfilo Lacson's alleged involvement in drug trafficking, kidnapping for ransom and murder.

Ong said she was in Xiamen for the past three weeks along with National Bureau of Investigation officers led by lawyer Samuel Fiji to convince a kidnap victim to come to Manila and testify against Lacson and his men.

Fiji, chief of the NBI anti-organized crime task force, is still in Xiamen and coordinating with Chinese authorities for the security and safe travel to Manila of the kidnap victim, Ong said.

Sen. Robert Barbers, chair of the Senate committee on public order and illegal drugs, told reporters earlier yesterday that Ong was to arrive from China where she supposedly collected a 16-year-old Chinese boy who had allegedly been kidnapped by Lacson's group.

Barbers, however, said it was not cer-

KIDNAP/ A15

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. . . and cherish for the 2001 Ramon Magsaysay awardees. From left (seated): Wu Qing, public service; Oung Chanthol, emergent leadership; Dita Indah Sari, emergent leadership; standing: Yuan Longing, government service; Rajendra Singh, community leadership; W.D. Amaradeva, journalism, literature and creative communication arts. Not in photo is Ikuo Hirayama, awardee for peace and international understanding.

JOAN BONDOC

PNP: Evidence for bugs includes Lacson signature

BY CHRISTINE HERRERA

A NOTE on the margin has landed Sen. Panfilo Lacson in the center of the anti-wiretapping cases that the government will file with the Ombudsman on Friday.

The government's evidence includes a handwritten marginal note allegedly written by Lacson, then the chief of both the Philippine National Police and the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force, approving the purchase of sophisticated bugging equipment.

Chief Supt. Nestorio Gualberto, head of the PNP's Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, said Lacson's note also included his order to source the budget from the P500-million intelligence funds of the PAOCTF.

Lacson even led a team to Germany in March last year to personally test the devices and conclude the purchase of a GS-900 mobile phone interceptor and a digital directional finder, Gualberto said.

Lacson's marginal note was handwritten on the lower left portion of a memo-

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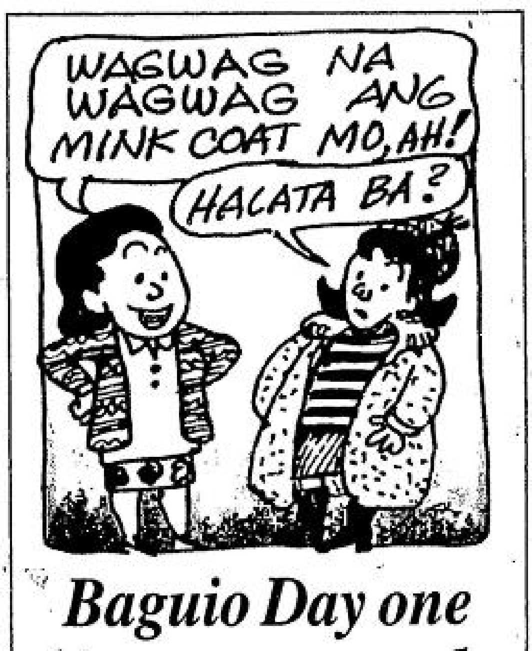
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Baguio Day one big rummage sale

BY VINCENT CABREZA
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—In Visayas and Mindanao, they're called "*ukay-ukay*" clothes. Here, they go by the name "*wagwag*" (rummage or relief clothes),

BAGUIO/ A5

JDV: It's time to Cha-cha

BY VOLT CONTRERAS

AND you thought "Cha-cha" was dead in the water.

Speaker Jose de Venecia yesterday announced that he would personally support a fresh move to amend the 1987 Constitution early next year, once the government had completed peace agreements with Moro and communist rebels and crushed the Abu Sayyaf menace.

"I'm opposed to amending the Constitution—but only for this year," De Venecia said at the annual general membership meeting of the Philippine Constitution Association (Philconsa) at the Hotel Inter-Continental in Makati City.

His remark was met with applause by the members of Philconsa, which is strongly pushing for Charter change or Cha-cha, purportedly to enable the country to keep up with the political and economic realities of the 21st century.

Philconsa's current governor and president, Camilo Sabio, particularly called for the immediate formation of a "non-partisan" constitutional convention.

"If we have completed the peace process and isolated the Abu Sayyaf, then I can say that we now have the beginnings of an environment for

JDV/ A5

MAGKAKABISTUHAN NA!

Probe of voters' list padding sought

BY GERALD G. LACUARTA

THE PUWERSA ng Masa yesterday sought the immediate investigation by the Commission on Elections, acting as the National Board of Canvassers, of the still unexplained padding by more than 500,000 of the voters list in the May 14 elections.

Rufus Rodriguez, PnM lawyer and counsel for Sen. Loi Estrada, yesterday filed a motion for investigation asking the NBC to convene and look into the exposé made by Commissioner Luzviminda Tancangco that the number of registered voters of 37,142,294 as stated in the final Senate canvass report was 530,932 more than the number of registered voters in the records of the election body.

"The public deserves to know where the hell these 530,932 voters came from," Rodriguez said.

Tancangco said the extra voters indicated that the number of registered voters was jacked up in provinces and cities where the votes for some senators had been padded during the canvassing.

Records of the Election and Barangay Affairs Division showed that there were only 36,611,362 registered voters nationwide for the May 14 elections. The Records and Statistics Division placed the number at 36,605,346.

The Education and Information Department's figures on the total number of registered voters were lower at 36,595,872.

Curiously, however, the total number of registered voters as stated in the Comelec's Senate canvass report was 37,142,294.

Rodriguez said the increase was an accumulation of the padding of the total number of voters down from the election returns to the provincial and city certificates of canvass.

"This figure could even be the number of actual padding in the votes for certain senators, since the increase in the total number of voters was done to hide the padding of votes so the votes cast will not exceed the total number of voters," Rodriguez said.

Reghis to testify in Basilan probe

BUSINESSMAN Reghis Romero will testify tomorrow in the House investigation into the alleged collusion between the military and the Abu Sayyaf bandits, Rep. Prospero Pichay said.

The chair of the House committee on national defense said Romero had personally called him twice to confirm his attendance.

The committee had sent out "invitations" to Romero, his friend, Ma. Rhiza Santos Rodriguez, and 9-year-old RJ Recio to attend the hearing.

The three are expected to shed light on allegations that they did not escape from their Abu Sayyaf captors but were set free after paying P27 million in ransom.

Also invited to the probe are Basilan Gov. Wahab Akbar and Lamitan Mayor Inocente Ramos.

Pichay earlier revealed that two civilian witnesses have come forward saying Akbar and Ramos were involved in the alleged ransom payoff that may have allowed the Abu Sayyaf to escape a military cordon on June 2.

'Crazy, absurd'

The two witnesses will also be testifying tomorrow.

From Zamboanga City, Akbar yesterday angrily denied the allegations and challenged his accusers to show proof.

"That's absurd; that's crazy. (They have) to prove their accusations or else we will see each other in court as soon as this hearing ends," Akbar told the INQUIRER.

The two witnesses' testimony would tend to corroborate a statement made by Abu Sabaya, the bandit group's spokesperson, implicating Akbar.

Sabaya said during a radio interview that a follower of Akbar had negotiated with the group for the Abu Sayyaf's escape from the besieged Lamitan hospital in exchange for cash.

Akbar said Sabaya was a liar and that the Abu Sayyaf were making stories against him.

Ramos made a similar denial saying he would never compromise the safety of his constituents just so he could make some money.

"It's a lie, my conscience is clear and that is what I am going to prove to the committee," he said.

The two witnesses claimed that they saw Akbar and Ramos entering the compound shortly before Romero and two other hostages were freed before 11 a.m. on June 2.

Libel charges

Maj. Eliseo Campued, Capt. Hubert Acierto and Capt. Nicolas Quemado said they were also preparing to file libel charges against Fr. Cirilo Nacorda and 20 witnesses.

The INQUIRER is also being named in the suit.

"Basically our focus is on Nacorda, his witnesses and the editor of the newspaper," Quemado said.

It will be the third hearing that the House committee on national defense will be conducting on the controversy after holding several sessions in Lamitan and Isabela, Basilan, last weekend.

The probe is looking into allegations by Nacorda and other Lamitan residents that some military officers had allowed trapped Abu Sayyaf bandits to escape from the Dr. Jose Ma. Torres Memorial Foundation hospital on June 2 in exchange for money. ***Reports from Rocky Nazareno, Metro Manila, and Jonathan F. Ma and Julie Alipala-Inot, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Gloria orders 'infra' overhaul

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday ordered an "overhaul" of the public works department's infrastructure programs to realign them with and focus on her administration's priorities, including solving the traffic congestion in Metro Manila.

Public Works Secretary Simeon Datumanong, who gave a briefing at yesterday's Cabinet meeting, became the latest Cabinet secretary to be on the receiving end of pressure from the President on how to do his job.

Presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao said that in the President's view, the public works department "scatters" its infrastructure projects in various parts of the country. ***Juliet Labog-Javellana***

Palace taps US firm on economy

DESPITE having numerous economic advisers, Malacañang is hiring a United States firm to conduct a study on how the Philippine economy can be improved.

The McKinsey Global Institute, headed by Jaime U. Ayala, has made a presentation to the Cabinet on how various countries worldwide achieved growth and has put forward a "preliminary thesis" on the Philippine economy, presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao said.

But Tiglao could not say how much the McKinsey study will cost taxpayers.

The group's basic thesis is that "it is micro-economic reforms, which clear obstacles to growth in very specific sectors and which improve their productivity, that are crucial to overall economic growth rather than macroeconomic policies," said Tiglao.

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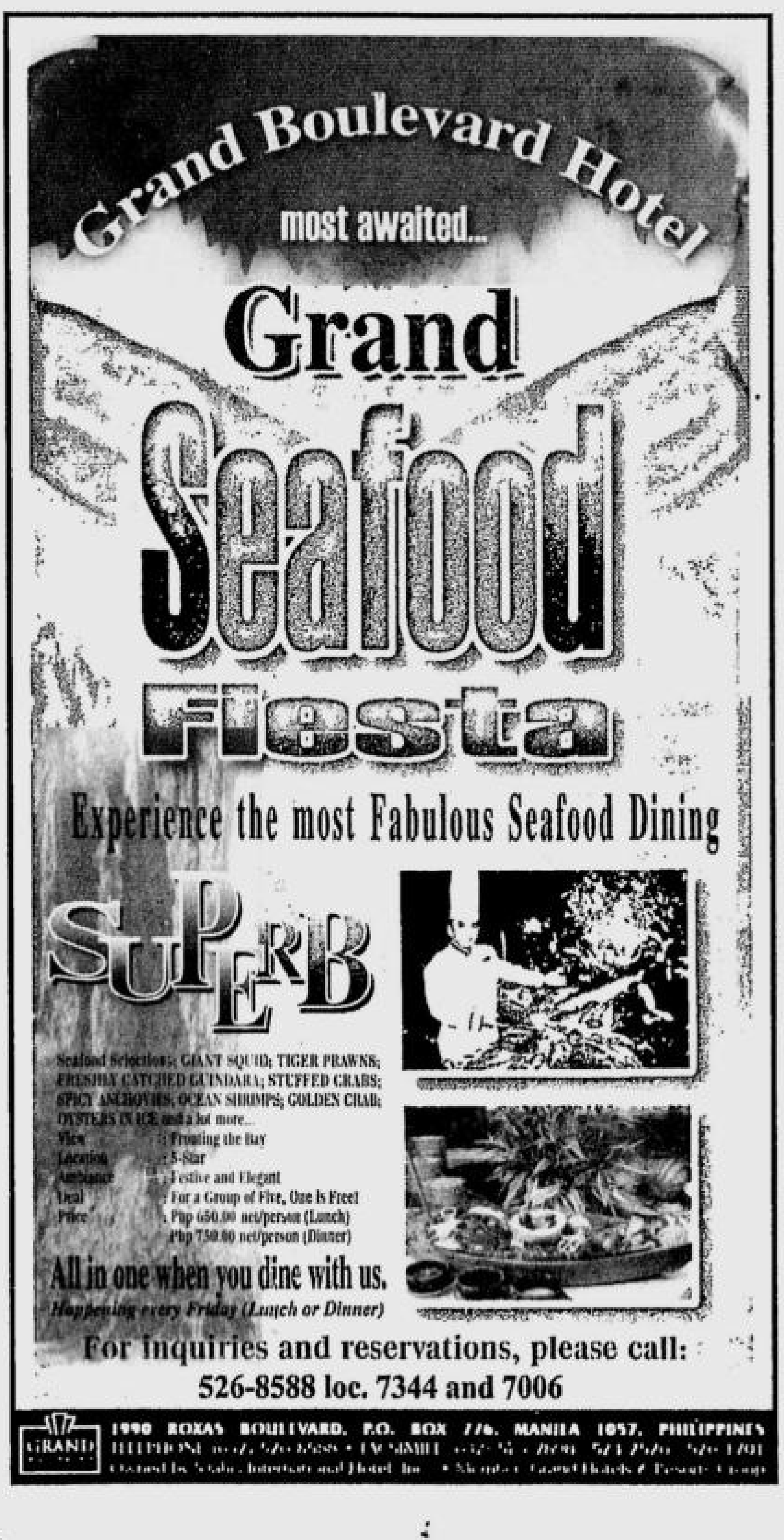
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PAL pilots strike illegal, appeals court rules

THE 1998 pilots' strike in the Philippine Airlines was illegal and therefore the airline was justified in dismissing the pilots.

This was the verdict of the Court of Appeals, which upheld the ruling of the Department of Labor and Employment declaring the crippling strike illegal and the dismissal of striking pilots legal.

The Airline Pilots Association of the Philippines (Alpap) could not be reached yesterday to comment on the verdict, which was announced in a press statement by PAL.

In a 15-page decision, the court's Special Tenth Division dismissed for lack of merit Alpap's petition to overturn the June 1, 1999 resolution of then Labor Secretary Bienvenido Laguesma.

"Having participated in a prohibited activity, an illegal strike, PAL rightfully declared them (the strikers) to have abandoned their work, the end result of which is the forfeiture of their employment status," the tribunal said.

In resolving the case, the appeals court consolidated the long-running dispute into three main issues—whether the strike was illegal; whether the union had received the return-to-work order; and whether the strikers had lost their employment status with PAL.

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Goodbye, jai alai

TAKING a cue from President Macapagal-Arroyo, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. yesterday said it will not resume jai alai games despite the Supreme Court's ruling that the Pagcor by itself has a valid franchise to operate, maintain and manage the game.

"Since President Arroyo has already stated, through Presidential Spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao, her desire not to reopen the jai alai, then we will not resume its operations," said Pagcor president Efraim Genuino.

Money laundering bill

ONLY a certification by Malacañang of the urgency of the Anti-Money Laundering Bill will give the measure "a fighting chance" in Congress and avert international sanctions against the Philippines, a congressman said yesterday.

Negros Oriental Rep. Herminio Teves, author of the one of the 10 versions of the Anti-Money Laundering Bill now pending at the House of Representatives, has appealed to Malacañang to certify the bill as urgent to allow the country to beat the deadline set by the anti-money laundering watchdog of the world's richest seven countries (G7).

"This is the only way that the measure will have a fighting chance of being approved in Congress, given the tight schedule that we have to work with," he said.

RP in HK women's summit

THE INTERNATIONAL Women's Forum's (Philippine Chapter) first business mission to Hong Kong, in connection with the Global Summit of Women will be held on Sept. 13—16, according to IWF president, Mina Gabor. IWF Philippines will also meet with representatives from public and private organizations, corporations and associations whose current involvement with small and medium enterprises makes them beneficial business alliances.

Informally, called the "Davos for Women" by past participants, the Summit has developed a reputation as an exciting, fact-filled, hands-on gathering of high caliber participants.

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THE DEPARTMENT of Environment and Natural Resources has proposed a P6.6-billion budget for next year, part of which will be used to protect the country's 6 million hectares of denuded forest.

Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Heherson Alvarez said that the department will focus on massive production of seedlings and activities that will have greater impact on the economy.

"We are refocusing the activities of the DENR into areas that will have the greatest impact on the economy and our people," Alvarez said.

"Our emphasis is on breaking the chain of poverty, especially among our stakeholders—the upland dwellers, marginal fisherfolk, small scale miners and the urban poor," he added.

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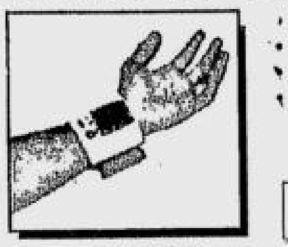

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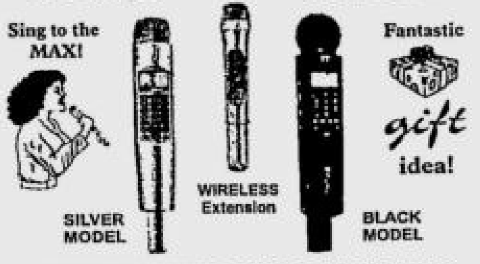

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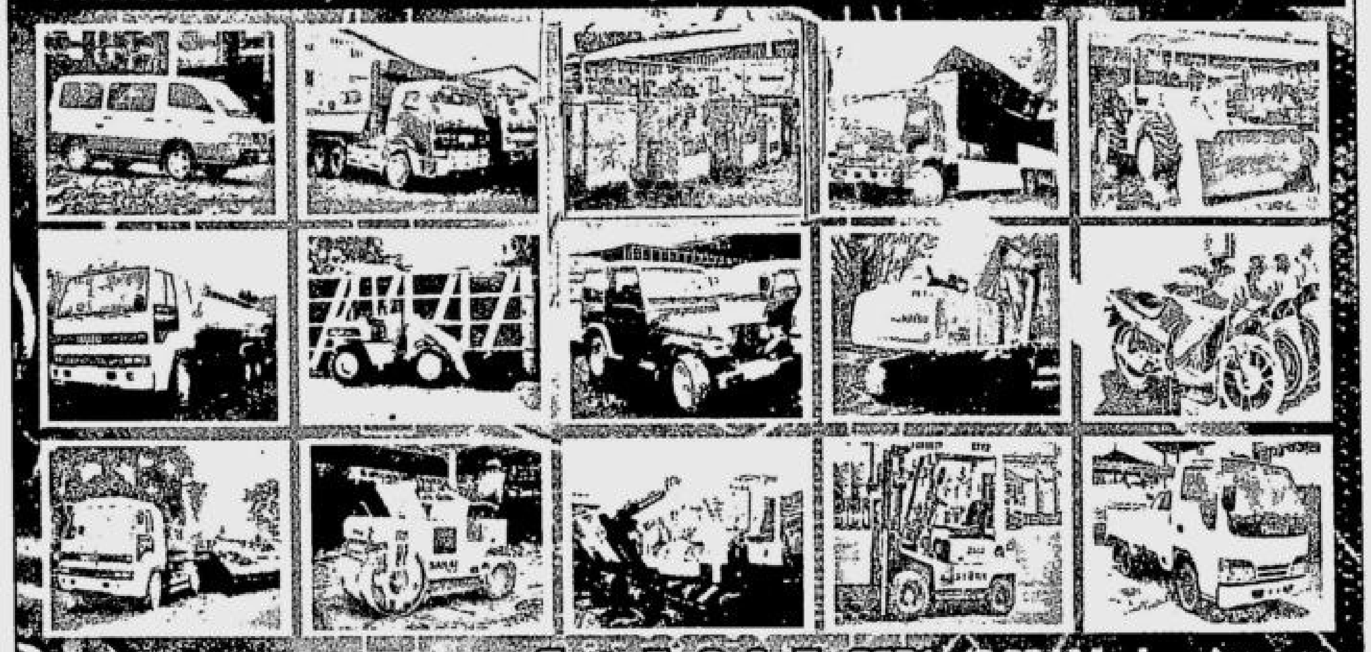

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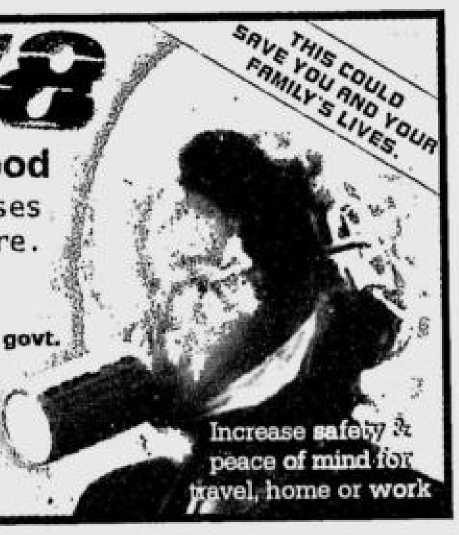
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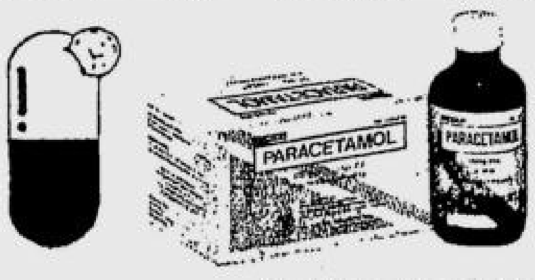

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Irish priest shot dead

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Halley, who was in his late 40s, was assigned to the Our Lady of Peace parish, which is part of the Prelature of Marawi. He was active in peace advocacy in Malabang, a predominantly Muslim coastal town in Lanao del Sur.

A church worker in Malabang told the INQUIRER that parishioners had been reminding their priest to be extra careful in moving around since he was a foreigner.

Foreign priests working for a Christian minority in the province were previously harassed or kidnapped, according to the church worker, who requested not to be identified.

"He could speak practically all the local dialects in Malabang," the worker said.

In 1997, another Columban priest from Ireland, Desmond Hartford, was kidnapped by former Moro rebels in Kolambugan, Lanao del Norte, and eventually released. Hartford is now the apostolic administrator of the Marawi prelature.

Well-loved

Another Church worker, who is into catechism, said Halley "was well-loved by the people, both Muslims and Christians, because he was into peace advocacy and inter-faith dialogues."

"He was a very good priest," she added.

The two Church workers went to Cotabato City at 8 last night to fetch an embalmer. "We have no embalmer in Malabang," she said. Malabang is about 80-kilometers south of Cotabato City.

Omar said Marines and Malabang policemen had launched a joint pursuit operation following reports that the attackers were still in the town center.

"We have witnesses that could help us track down the assailants," he said.

Quevedo said he was hoping witnesses would come out and help give justice to Father Halley, whom he described as "a very dedicated priest and loved by many."

"He is a great loss to our people, a great loss to the Church and to our country," he said.

More than 40 Catholic bishops in Mindanao are gathering today in Cagayan de Oro City for peace dialogues.

Quevedo failed to attend the Bishops-Ulama Forum in Cagayan de Oro because he was to proceed to Manila on Wednesday.

"Archbishop Lito Lampon, OMI, of the Jolo Vicariate, who was in Cagayan de Oro, informed me of the incident," Quevedo said.

"It's very unfortunate that Church leaders of all faiths are gathered for peace advocacy when one of our priests was killed while performing his task of building peace," he said.

Informed that police reports showed that Halley was to be kidnapped for ransom when he was shot dead, Quevedo said the Church would not give ransom.

"The Church does not pay ransom for kidnapped priests and nuns because if we do, there will be more priests and religious getting kidnapped in the future," he said.

'Kidnappers are inhuman'

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Several members of the gang were killed, but the rest managed to flee with Zhang Zhongyi and a Chinese-Filipino guide, Edwin Lim.

Zhang Zhongqiang, Xue Xing, Wang Shengli, and Zhang Zhongyi are employees of China Electric Power Technology Import and Export Corp that is building a P2.7-billion irrigation project in Central Mindanao.

The Chinese ambassador said the abductions and killings would not affect relations between Beijing and Manila as "the broad masses of the Filipino people are friendly toward the Chinese people."

Consoling China

Philippine officials have tried to console China over the killings. President Macapagal-Arroyo and the military offered wreaths at the funeral.

Vice President and Foreign Secretary Teofisto Guingona Jr. met with Wang to express condolence and brief him on efforts to secure the remaining Chinese hostage.

Guingona has also asked the military to conduct a deeper probe to determine the circumstances under which the two Chinese engineers had died.

The Chinese engineering and construction company, which employed the slain men, has asked the government to ensure the security of about 60 other Chinese helping build the Japan-funded irrigation canal and dam.

Maj. Julieto Ando, an Army spokesperson, said an additional battalion of about 600 soldiers had been deployed around the project site.

The President wants the project 85-percent finished by Sept. 30 so it can provide irrigation to at least 3,000 hectares of farmland in North Cotabato and Maguindanao.

Too risky

Other military officials, however, acknowledged that any rescue operation would be too risky.

"Their captors are extremely ruthless," Brig. Gen. Edilberto Adan, Armed Forces spokesperson, said. "They can kill the captives again if cornered by pursuing policemen and soldiers."

Adan said the involvement of certain members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front also complicated any rescue operation.

"The ceasefire agreement between the government and the MILF has made us cautious in our operations. We don't want our forces engaging the MILF," he said.

Adan said the military would try to make "the appropriate coordination with the MILF."

The other day, however, he cited reports that the MILF's 103rd Brigade under Commander Kagi Abbas was coddling the Pentagon gang.

The MILF, however, denied any involvement in the kidnappings.

A leader of the Pentagon kidnap gang told a radio station in Cotabato City that the two remaining hostages would not be freed unless a $10-million ransom was paid.

No-ransom policy

China, however, is supporting the government's no-ransom policy.

"We have informed our people in China and in the Philippines that they should abide by this policy," Chinese Embassy spokesperson Wang Lu told a local radio station in Cotabato City.

Violation of the no-ransom policy ended in tragedy for the two Chinese engineers.

It began with the abduction of Zhang Zhongqiang on June 20 while he was on his way to the construction site.

His brother Zhang Zhongyi, co-workers Xue Xing and Wang Shengli, and Chinese-Filipino businessman Edwin Lim were kidnapped on Aug. 12 when they tried to pay a P5-million ransom to the kidnappers.

The kidnappers were not satisfied with the ransom payment and decided to kidnap the four negotiators. ***Reports by AP, AFP, Carlito Pablo, and Rosa-May V. de Guzman of the PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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19 civilians killed–MILF; That's not true, says AFP

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into the direction of the civilians," Kabalu told defense reporters in Camp Aguinaldo by phone. "Perhaps they got angry and were carried away."

Kabalu said that the same military unit also seized six civilians from the area whose fate remains unknown.

But the Armed Forces of the Philippines, while admitting that there was a military encounter with the Abu Sayyaf on Monday morning, strongly denied Kabalu's claim.

Col. Francisco Gudani, deputy commander for operations of the AFP Southern Command based in Zamboanga City, said there was no such report pertaining to the incident.

Army spokesperson Lt. Col. Jose Mabanta Jr. said he spoke with 10th IB commanding officer Maj. Reynaldo Ordoñez, and Ordoñez asserted that his battalion was not involved in any encounter in the area Monday morning. "There is no such report as far as the 10th IB is concerned," Mabanta said.

The AFP Public Information Office said the 10th IB did not figure in the clash. The units involved were the 1st Marine Battalion Landing Team and the Marines' 62nd Force Reconnaissance Battalion. The PIO also said two bandits were killed in the encounter, their bodies recovered by the Marines.

Local commanders

Kabalu said he verified the incident with the local MILF commanders in the area.

"It was an obvious incident of massacre. Imagine, those people are helpless civilians. They are indeed our sympathizers but they were unarmed," he said.

Kabalu said the soldiers also arrested six male residents "and we don't know what happened to them."

In an earlier interview yesterday, AFP spokesperson Brig. Gen. Edilberto Adan said Abu Sayyaf elements under Abu Sayyaf leader Abu Sabaya are believed to be in Sumisip. The town was the site of an Abu Sayyaf ambush last Saturday which resulted in the death of five persons and one Army integree from the Moro National Liberation Front.

Ceasefire agreement

Kabalu said this was already the second time the military has violated the Aug. 7 ceasefire agreement signed by the government and the MILF in Kuala Lumpur.

He said that on Aug. 22, the 10th IB also attacked Barangays Pamatsakin and Irili, both under the MILF Internal Security Forces led by Commander Hadji Amir Migkong, and killed one rebel.

He also accused the soldiers of carting away 70 large animals from "the terrorized residents."

Kabalu said that because of the incidents, the MILF is preparing a formal protest against the military for violating the ceasefire agreement. "Definitely we will file a protest before the government peace panel," Kabalu said.

"We will be asking justice for the victims," he added.

Abu attack

In a related incident, a chainsaw operator was killed while two of his companions were apparently abducted and executed after an attack by suspected Abu Sayyaf members in Barangay Kalugusan, Lantawan, Basilan around 7 a.m. yesterday.

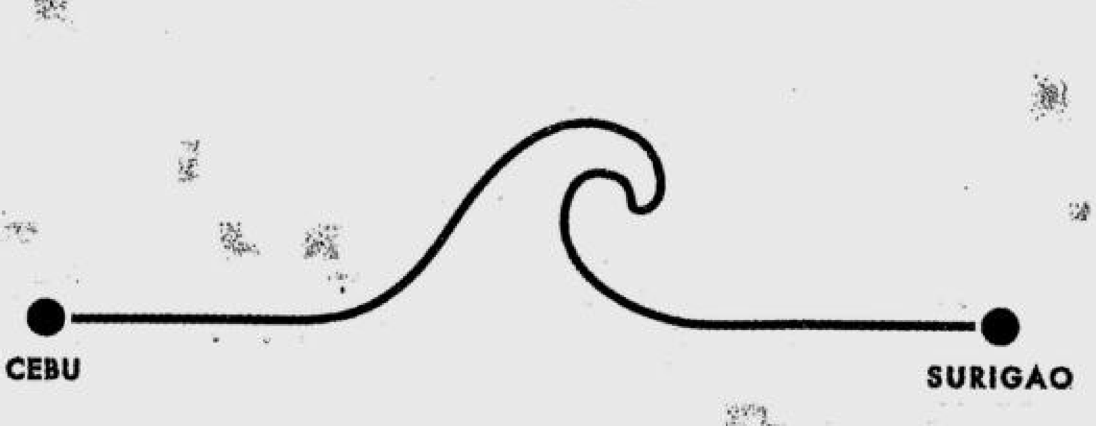
Basilan police chief Supt. Akmadul Pagambayan identified the victim as Jayson Gregorio, a resident of Lantawan. His companions, Thelmo Cutamura and Jong Jong Roxas, could not be located as of press time.

"Gunmen opened fire on the victims and one was killed while two others are still missing," he said. "Police are investigating the motive."

Police said the victims, along with four other chainsaw operators, went to Barangay Kalugusan to cut coconut trees for lumber. As they were about to start their work, the bandits suddenly emerged from the bushes and started firing at them. The four other chainsaw operators managed to flee and reported the incident to the police.

Army Col. Hermogenes Esperon said his troops are pursuing the attackers.

On Saturday, also on Basilan Island, at least six people were killed and six others wounded when suspected Abu Sayyaf members fired on a passenger jeep. The military said one soldier was killed and another was wounded. Police said one of the fatalities was a 5-year-old child. ***With a report from Jonathan F. Ma, AP and AFP***



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changing the Constitution," De Venecia said, adding:

"Therefore, I agree with you (Philconsa) that by the first quarter of next year we should already finally launch a movement to amend and change the Constitution."

For now, De Venecia said, "we (in the House) would like to devote the next six months until Christmas" to jump-starting the economic priorities laid down by President Macapagal-Arroyo in her July 23 State of the Nation Address "so that we will not be distracted and divided."

JDV's list

As though to further encourage Philconsa to press its campaign, De Venecia listed his own list of "Cha-cha" proposals:

- Shift from the present presidential system to a parliamentary and federal system of government.
- Abolition of the multi-party system and a return to the two-party setup.
- Abolition of "either the Senate or the House, or if the (present) Senate cannot be abolished, then let's have a regional Senate."
- Adoption of the block voting system for the positions of president and vice president "so that they will always come from the same political party."

At the open forum, De Venecia said he would also "favor some adjustments" in the constitutional provisions governing the foreign ownership ratio of some of the country's major industry sectors.

He particularly cited telecommunications, media and education among the sectors where these adjustments could be made.

Prime minister

At one point, Sabio lavished De Venecia with praise and flattery, saying the Pangasinan congressman could be a shoo-in as the "first prime minister of the first Philippine Parliament."

When it was his turn to speak, De Venecia returned the compliment by saying Sabio might as well be the first secretary general of that parliament, the latter having served that position in the House of Representatives in years past.

In explaining why he favored the parliamentary system, De Venecia made several references to Malaysia's economic and political experience.

For example, De Venecia said, Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad needed only 38,000 votes from his fellow members of Parliament, while a Philippine presidential candidate had to court as many as 38 million voters nationwide.

He said Mahathir also did not have "to contend with a Senate or a House that are equally powerful" in laying down key policies and government direction.

According to De Venecia, federalism is also a better alternative to retaining a centralized government.

"Here, if the national budget is cut back the national government is in crisis and every provincial, municipal, city and barangay government is also in crisis," he pointed out.

But in Malaysia, if the government in Kuala Lumpur is in crisis, states like "Sabah and Penang are operating," he said. "They are not paralyzed."

Baguio Day one big rummage sale

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and their sales are enjoying such a boom that the summer capital has proclaimed itself the "Wagwag Capital of the Philippines."

For its 92nd founding anniversary next month, this city will be dressed to the nines in *wagwag*. It is what will continue to draw the tourists to the summer capital, a city official said on Tuesday.

Baguio, a city built by the American colonial government, is celebrating its Charter Day on Sept. 1.

Among the highlights of the celebration are a three-day *wagwag* festival and a *wagwag* fashion show at Camp John Hay to promote the new tourism come-on.

The *wagwag* festival tops a program of celebratory activities that include the tossing of the country's largest Caesar salad on Sept. 16.

The salad-tossing event, to be sponsored by the city government and hotels and restaurants in the city, was earlier scheduled on Sept. 1 but was moved to Sept. 16.

The *wagwag* festival opens Sept. 7 at Malcolm Square here to highlight the city's fashion statement as *wagwag* capital, according to Benigno Alhambra, city tourism officer.

It is designed as a specialty bazaar to legitimize what has been generally a suspect trade.

100 houses

Over 100 *wagwag* houses now dominate the city's key trading areas, operating in such unlikely places as the city's airport in Loakan, as well as in converted movie houses and department stores.

Most of the *wagwag* shops cater to tourists who spend up to P2,000 rummaging through stalls of second-hand shirts, jeans, dresses, jackets, shoes and even signature accessories, a *wagwag* retailer told the INQUIRER.

Most of these shops will contribute "their best quality items" for the special Baguio Day bazaar that promises to sell these hard-to-obtain items at "even more moderate prices," Alhambra said.

Top-brand labels that sell between P300 and P800 in *wagwag* houses are expected to go for as low as P100, the retailer said.

Not fly-by-night

"We suggested holding a festival because we want to prove to the city that we are a legitimate trade and not just a fly-by-night enterprise," she said.

But even the city is having second thoughts now about this phenomenal tourist magnet weeks after Baguio Mayor Bernardo Vergara proclaimed the city as the country's "*wagwag* capital," Alhambra said.

City Hall officials have received information that the *wagwag* industry here has inadvertently opened the city to counterfeit labels.

The National Bureau of Investigation is investigating reports that counterfeiters from abroad have used the *wagwag* trade to smuggle items from Hong Kong.

Origin

The *wagwag* industry flourished when a small network of Hong Kong-based workers began shipping home P5,000 worth of boxes filled with rummage-sale items and surplus clothing for retail here.

Alhambra said legitimate department stores and malls have started selling their *wagwag* counterparts, including controversial items like counterfeit video compact discs (VCD), "apparently to join the lucrative bandwagon."

"Many *wagwag* items from Hong Kong are now being sold as surplus items in some department stores, which are a little more expensive than the *wagwag* shops. That's why no one seems to be complaining," a city official said.

The city has also been concerned about a fire investigation report that lists most *wagwag* houses as potential firetraps.

A *wagwag* house here caught fire Sunday night, destroying close to P200,000 worth of garments, police said.

Secret to very long life . . .

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The findings bust the commonly held belief among scientists studying human aging that as many as 1,000 genes influence a long life span.

The researchers hope to unlock the secrets of these longevity-promoting genes to develop drugs that mimic them and help more people delay or avoid the adverse consequences of aging.

"We're not trying to find the fountain of youth," said Dr. Thomas Perls, a co-author of the study.

"We're trying to find the fountain of aging well."

The researchers are 95-percent certain that a region of chromosome 4 containing 100 to 500 genes was the right place to search for specific genes that are in part responsible for exceptional longevity.

Having located the neighborhood, the scientists now intend to track down the exact address, identifying the gene or genes that set the stage for an unusually long life.

The study, the first to use humans to look for genes related to longevity, analyzed DNA extracted from groups of siblings aged 91 to 109. A total of 308 people from 137 families in the United States and Europe participated in the study.

Four hundred genetic markers from each sample were then compared to identify any region the subjects had in common. This led researchers to chromosome 4.

"We have known that only a few genes influence longevity in lower organisms and that now appears to be true in humans," one of the study's authors, geneticist Louis Kunkel of Children's Hospital in Boston, said in a statement.

Perls said it was not yet clear which or how many of the 100 to 500 genes in the section of chromosome 4 that was isolated by the researchers are related to long life. He said genes on other chromosomes might also be involved, working in concert with the chromosome 4 genes.

Perls said it was possible that people who inherited the trait of living to be 100 years might have "the ideal human genome" or gene structure.

He said ordinary genes and good health habits could provide a normal lifetime of 80 or so, but there might be unique genes that allowed people to live to extreme old age. *AFP, AP*

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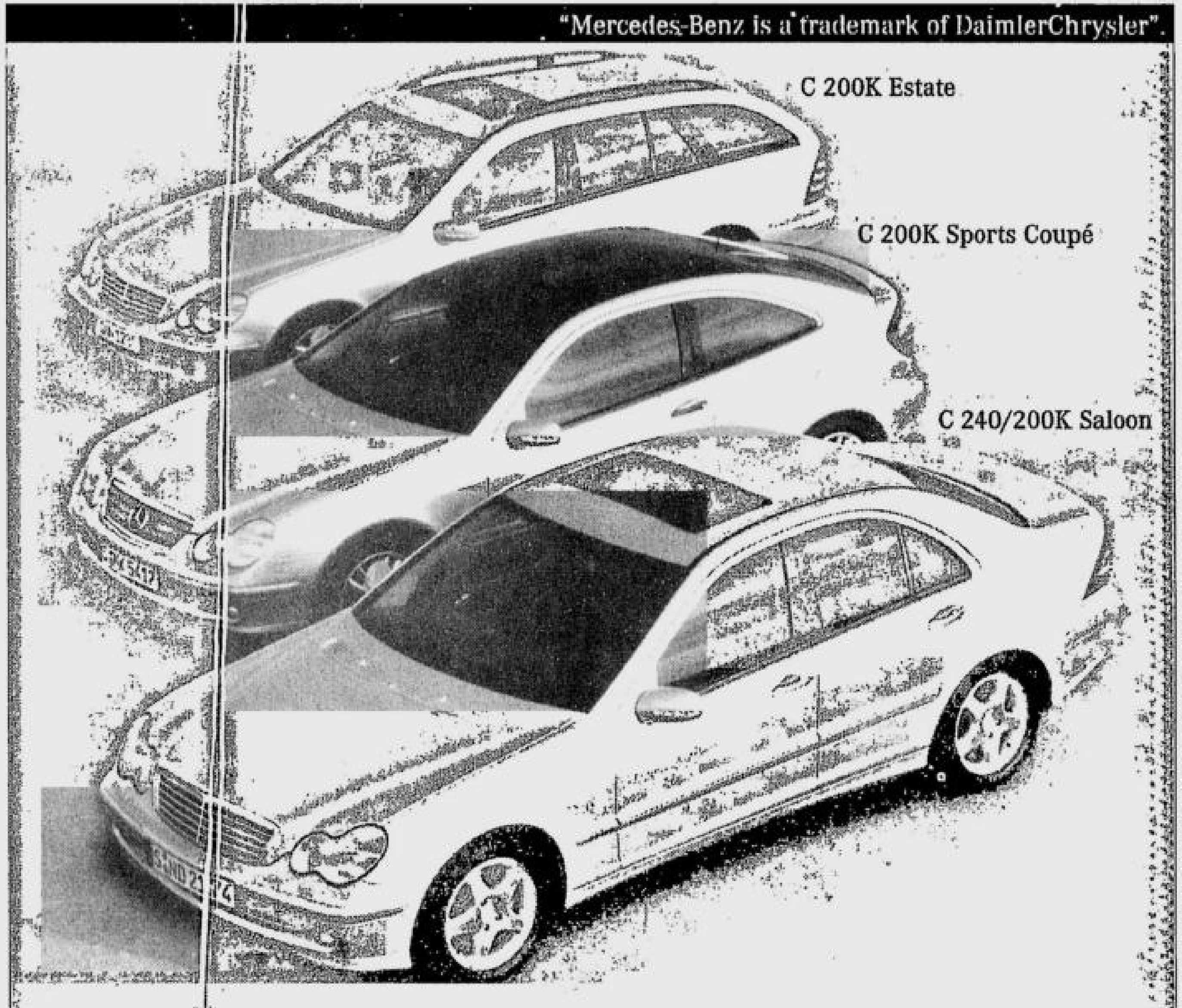

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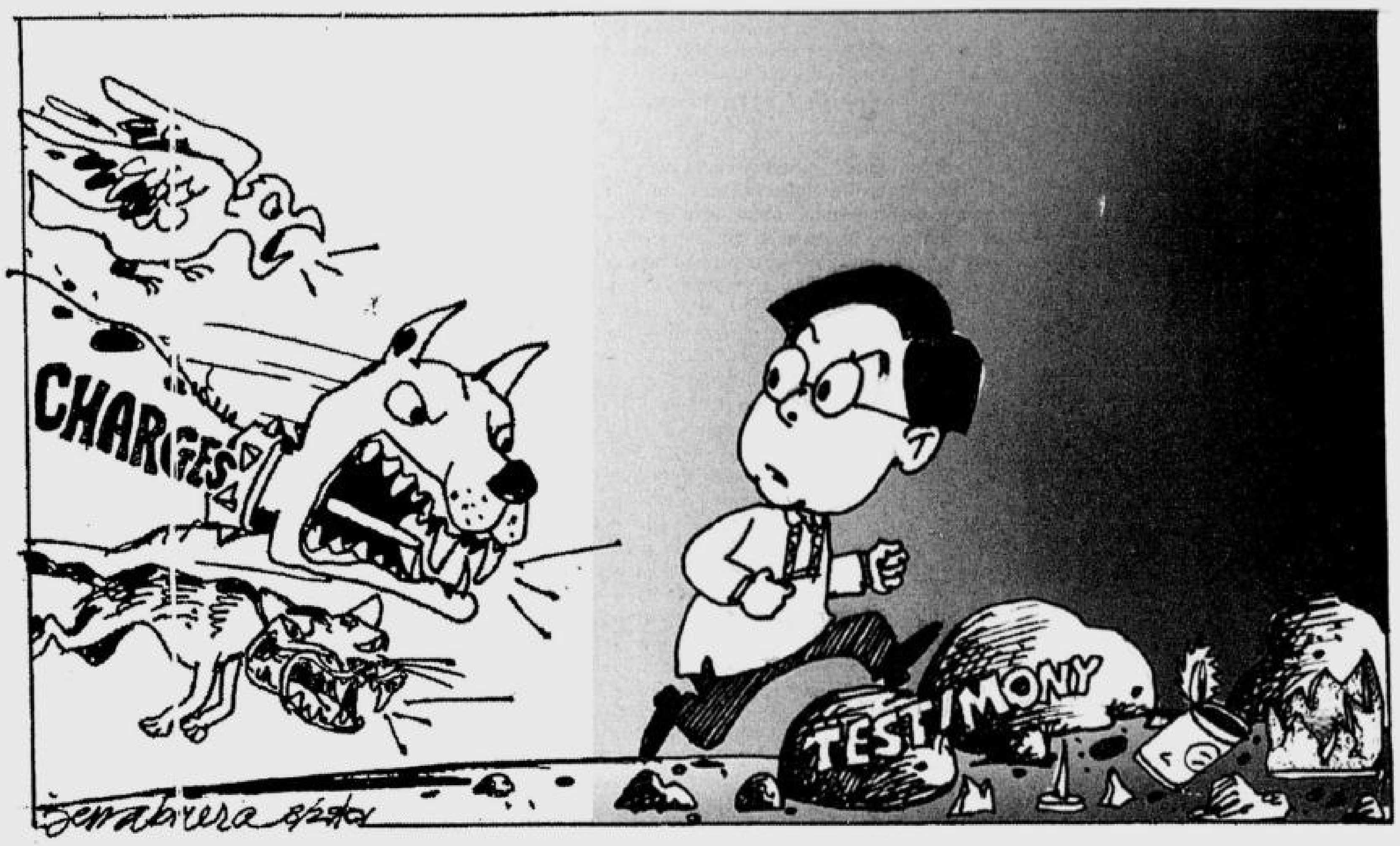
But Lacson swears Wong is clean as a whistle. He describes Wong as a legitimate businessman and a very good friend of his whose only crime was supporting his senatorial candidacy. Manila Mayor Lito Atienza also says Wong is a good friend who incurred Lim's ire when he backed Atienza in this year's election.

And what does Wong have to say about himself? During the Senate hearing, Wong portrayed himself as a legitimate businessman who owned a T-shirt factory and three restaurants. He loved to play golf and tennis, and that was how he was able to meet and make friends with several police and military officials as well as politicians. To these friends, he could be very generous. For instance, he made some generous contributions to the successful campaigns of Lacson and Atienza. He also contributed a quarter of what it cost to build a small building on the grounds of the Western Police District headquarters in Manila.

How about the cell phones he got for Lacson? Wong said he just lent them to the former chief of the Philippine National Police. In fact, it was Lacson who paid the monthly telephone bills through his secretary, although it was Wong's wife who actually went to the telephone company to settle the account.

Shabu? Well, he never touched the stuff and neither did he know how it looked. In fact, he had absolutely no idea what it was.

All this Wong said with a straight face and a glib tongue, in a performance that reminded many of the smooth-talking and smart-alecky Atong Ang, ousted President Joseph Estrada's close friend who was into illegal gambling and all sorts of shady deals. Wong, who has assiduously cultivated friendships with people who could prove helpful in times of trouble, obviously wanted to prove to everyone that he is an honorable man. His problem is that while the senators glossed over the inconsistencies in his testimony, a lot of people are not disposed to let them go unchallenged. Now people are as confused as ever about who is the right Wong.



Abalos' zero waste dream is just that, a dream

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

GARBAGE is again piling up all over Metro Manila and the prospect is that the garbage crisis will get worse because Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Benjamin Abalos is not in touch with reality. Instead of collecting the trash, Abalos has threatened trash collectors with jail terms and stiff fines if they collect unsegregated garbage.

All those mounds of garbage scattered everywhere are unsegregated, so garbage men will not collect them because of Abalos' threats. Ninety percent of Metro Manila's trash, especially those from wet markets and households, are unsegregated. So they will accumulate in the streets because the collectors will not collect them. In his naiveté, Abalos thinks this will force households or market vendors to segregate their garbage.

No, they won't. What they will do is put their bags of garbage in the trunks of their vehicles, drive to C-5 or some other dark street and dump their trash there. It is these people who should be jailed and fined, but none of them would be caught unless Abalos assigns undercover men to guard the streets day and night.

Abalos has got his priorities mixed up. The first priority is to collect the garbage to prevent an epidemic from breaking out and then gradually teach the people, through incentives, advertising and public information, to segregate their trash.

Also a top priority is to find a new dump. The garbage contractors have been collecting the garbage but once collected, there is no place to dump them. That is why the trash has accumulated again; the garbage men don't collect them because they don't know where to dump them. It was the job of the MMDA (and Malacañang) to find a new dump but when Abalos was appointed chief of the MMDA, he took the easy way out. He abdicated the job and passed the buck to the mayors. The local executives were left to their own devices in disposing of their garbage.

So now their respective garbage contractors have been clandestinely dumping their trash in neighboring provinces, in vacant lots, in rivers, creeks and lakes (yes, including Laguna Lake, which has recently been brought under the protection of a world environmental body), bribing local officials and residents to close their eyes to the ruination of their communities.

By abdicating his job, Abalos has allowed Metro Manila governments to unfairly make their neighbors their garbage dumps. It is like sweeping the trash under the rug. You don't see the trash but it is hidden under the carpet. In effect, they are making many mini-San Mateos all over the municipalities surrounding Metro Manila. Where do you think all those huge mounds of garbage polluting the metropolis went? Why, they're secreted in many nooks and crannies here and there. The residents of these victim-municipalities are not yet screaming in outrage because they haven't yet seen the hidden dumps or smelled the stink nor has any epidemic broken out, but wait until they get huge enough to be seen and putrified enough to smell.

Abalos hides behind Republic Act 9008 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act which mandates the segregation of garbage.

"Let us not talk about dumpsites," he said. The law "does not talk about dumpsites. It talks about segregation."

But even if there is segregation, recycling and composting, there would still be left a percentage of the trash that would have to be dumped somewhere. Where do you dump that if there is no dump? Zero waste is a pipe dream. Even the most efficient waste disposal systems have not been able to achieve that.

Abalos and the legislators who passed RA 9008 have been seduced by well-intentioned NGOs to believe in zero waste management. Maybe they have been able to achieve that in the little communities with little waste where they operate. But with the gargantuan volume of garbage in the whole of Metro Manila, there would still be a sizable amount of leftover trash even with the best of recycling and composting.

Besides, the MMDA should face reality and admit the people cannot just get into the habit of segregating garbage just because Congress and Abalos will it. A massive propaganda and information campaign is needed to teach the people, especially the househelp, how to segregate garbage and make compost. Nothing makes people do things they don't usually do than incentives—like money for instance. If the MMDA will go house to house to buy recyclable materials and compost, the househelp will be encouraged to segregate and make compost for some additional income. Farmers need and want all the compost they can get. But how does the urban compost get to them? Somebody has to collect them house to house and sell them to the farmers. Promoting urban agriculture, backyard vegetable and flower gardening, will also encourage the making of compost for fertilizer. Those the MMDA, the Department of Agriculture, local government units and NGOs can do but somebody (perhaps Abalos?) must take the lead. Abalos can't just be complaining and passing the buck and making threats all the time. They won't make the garbage disappear. He must do something sensible.

First, there must be cheap and durable stands to hold separate bags for the segregated garbage. They must be readily available—perhaps in supermarkets—so shoppers will see them and buy them. They must be made in big volumes and people should be encouraged to buy them or copy them. The out-of-school youth or other jobless people (and yes, Mang Pandoy, too) can be taught to make them for their livelihood. Schoolboys can even be taught to make them as part of their vocational training.

Barangays and homeowners' associations should be taught by NGOs, the MMDA and LGUs to make the stands, segregate, make compost and plant gardens. Something like (ugh) Imelda's Green Revolution campaign should do it. Abalos can be the leader here which, if successful; can catapult him perhaps to Congress.

But of course all that is hard work. It is so much easier to just complain and make threats.

Yes, but–

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

CAN Danny Devnani be believed?

Only in the same way that Chavit Singson could be believed. Singson was also a shadowy character when he came out to testify against Erap Estrada, someone people shied away from. No respectable politician in Ilocos wanted to be associated with him as it was a kiss of death. Of course it was another matter entirely after the impeachment trial, when they positively lined up to have a picture taken with him, but that's another story. Singson was notorious, too, at the time he came out to expose Erap. That did not make him less believable, it made him more so.

It was the one thing that convinced people he knew what he was talking about. If he had been squeaky clean, he would not have been part of Erap's cabal. Estelito Mendoza, we recall, tried to wreck Singson's credibility on that very ground—Singson had lied in his ledger, jotting down expenses for tobacco farmers that never got to them, so how could we believe him when he said he was telling the truth?—but did not get very far with it.

Devnani may also be a creepy character, he may even have a P28-million case hanging over his head, as Erap's camp says he does, but that is what makes him credible. He knows whereof he speaks. He was part of the cabal that, as he put it, lived a dissolute lifestyle the likes of which you couldn't begin to imagine. He has seen and heard. Whatever his motives—and Singson's motives were never pure either—he deserves to be listened to. Maybe he is doing it to save his body, to get out of all sorts of financial jams of his making; maybe he is doing so to save his soul, in response to the flailing of conscience. I do not know, or care. All I want to know, or care about, is whether he was in a position to know the things he says he does. Singson himself says Devnani was closer to Erap than he was. I believe him.

I have no problems believing Devnani. But I do have two problems with the testimony he gave last Thursday and the subsequent details he's revealed to media in interviews.

The first one is that unlike Singson's testimony, Devnani has pretty much only himself to back up what he says. Singson had documents and other witnesses to do so. Those other witnesses were Emma Lim and the other accountants who processed the *jueteng* money that was supposed to go to Erap. Devnani has only what he saw and heard to back up his monumental charge that the former president of the Philippines, his son and their police chief connived with the head of the notorious Kuratong Baleleng to kidnap people. While Sen. Nene Pimentel is right to say that is not hearsay but direct evidence, that makes it only a case of his word against Erap's et al. While I for one believe Devnani—his revelations tie up such seemingly totally unrelated events as the murder of Arnie Tuadles and the massacre of Kuratong Baleleng suspects—I do not know how far his testimony in its present form can possibly prosper in the Senate or, worse, in a court of law.

My second problem with Devnani's testimony is that while it directly implicates Erap and Jinggoy, it does not do so Sen. Panfilo Lacson, who is the one person the Senate is supposed to be investigating, and for whom the Senate hearing was called to order. Devnani himself says he never knew Lacson well, he met him only a couple of times in the club he fronted for Erap. Lacson's presence in the "evil place" does not guarantee his being evil, or his being party to the conspiracy to kidnap by the regulars there, even if that could be proven to be true. Devnani has no case against Lacson, only against Erap. You cannot link the two simply by association.

Which makes me wonder again about Col. Victor Corpus' ability to effectively carry out his campaign against Lacson. He may be an incomparable idealist, but he is no incomparable strategist. Devnani of course was his surprise witness, the one person who would give credence to his accusations. But now even if Devnani could prove his charges, if he could persuade the kidnap victims to come out and corroborate what he is saying, his testimony would be useful only against Erap, not Lacson. Why Corpus should choose to use Devnani in the Senate hearing on Lacson and not in the trial of Erap, I do not know. It is a question worth asking.

I personally am tremendously interested in Devnani's story. He deserves listening to, as I said, but not in this hearing. He is also a tremendous distraction at this point. The point is to pin down Lacson for wrongdoing, not Erap. Unless Devnani can show some piece of evidence Lacson was the brains behind the kidnapping plots that were presumably hatched in his club, none of his testimony may, or should, matter to the Senate. Indeed, unless he can say he personally heard one of the plotters tag Lacson in a specific plot, none of his testimony may, or should, matter to the Senate. Unless he can do these things, Corpus would be better off with other surprise witnesses.

I can understand civil society's anxieties about the motives of some of the senators for wishing the investigation of Lacson to cease. But the fault is not the Senate's alone, or at all. For all his *kakulitan*, or scrupulousness, Sen. Serge Osmeña has a point when he keeps asking, "But what exactly do you want the Senate to do?" It is a completely reasonable question, and one Corpus et al., as well as civil society itself, would do well to answer. What exactly do we want the Senate to do in light of Devnani's revelations? That testimony may give the lawyers who will prosecute Erap and Jinggoy Estrada much to go on, but it does not do so the senators who have gathered to assess whether Lacson is worthy of their continuing company. Or indeed of his continuing freedom.

If somebody isn't listening to you, the problem may not always be that he is not interested in you. It may be that you have nothing interesting to say.

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Corpus has named Wong as the principal partner of Sen. Panfilo Lacson in running the biggest drug-smuggling syndicate in the country. Angelo Mawanay, who claims to have worked as a civilian agent of the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force, has testified under oath that on two occasions he had delivered to Wong large quantities of shabu upon Lacson's instructions. And former Interior Secretary Alfredo Lim said Wong was behind the disappearance of Anthony Sy, who served as a Chinese translator for the police, after the latter confronted Wong about a huge shipment of shabu.

Wong's intelligence dossier says he first went into selling marijuana when the family's cigarette manufacturing business was going under. He diversified to the distribution of shabu when he was able to expand his circle of friends to include police and military generals as well as judges and influential politicians, the dossier says.

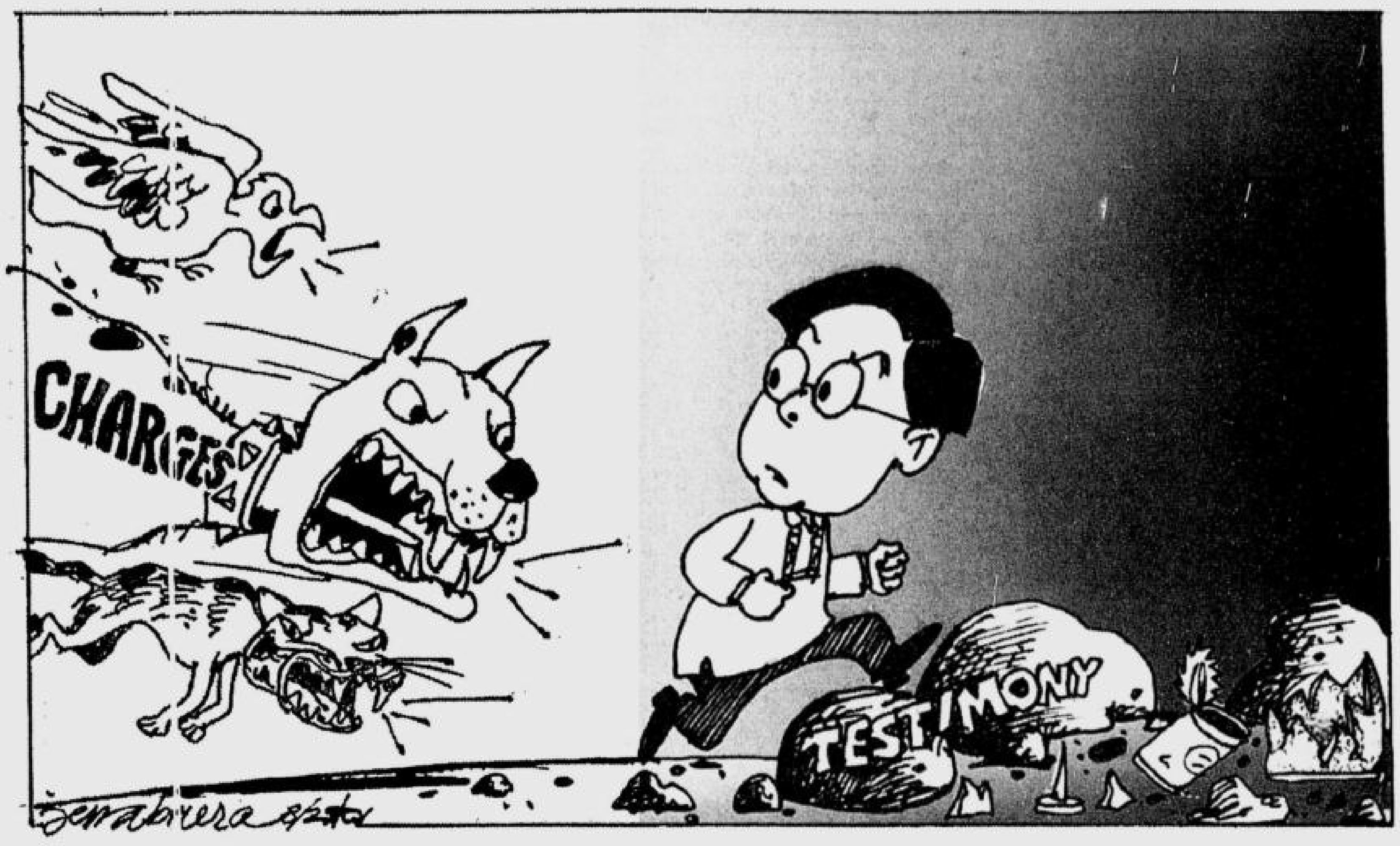
But Lacson swears Wong is clean as a whistle. He describes Wong as a legitimate businessman and a very good friend of his whose only crime was supporting his senatorial candidacy. Manila Mayor Lito Atienza also says Wong is a good friend who incurred Lim's ire when he backed Atienza in this year's election.

And what does Wong have to say about himself? During the Senate hearing, Wong portrayed himself as a legitimate businessman who owned a T-shirt factory and three restaurants. He loved to play golf and tennis, and that was how he was able to meet and make friends with several police and military officials as well as politicians. To these friends, he could be very generous. For instance, he made some generous contributions to the successful campaigns of Lacson and Atienza. He also contributed a quarter of what it cost to build a small building on the grounds of the Western Police District headquarters in Manila.

How about the cell phones he got for Lacson? Wong said he just lent them to the former chief of the Philippine National Police. In fact, it was Lacson who paid the monthly telephone bills through his secretary, although it was Wong's wife who actually went to the telephone company to settle the account.

Shabu? Well, he never touched the stuff and neither did he know how it looked. In fact, he had absolutely no idea what it was.

All this Wong said with a straight face and a glib tongue, in a performance that reminded many of the smooth-talking and smart-alecky Atong Ang, ousted President Joseph Estrada's close friend who was into illegal gambling and all sorts of shady deals. Wong, who has assiduously cultivated friendships with people who could prove helpful in times of trouble, obviously wanted to prove to everyone that he is an honorable man. His problem is that while the senators glossed over the inconsistencies in his testimony, a lot of people are not disposed to let them go unchallenged. Now people are as confused as ever about who is the right Wong.



Abalos' zero waste dream is just that, a dream

AS I SEE IT

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GARBAGE is again piling up all over Metro Manila and the prospect is that the garbage crisis will get worse because Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Benjamin Abalos is not in touch with reality. Instead of collecting the trash, Abalos has threatened trash collectors with jail terms and stiff fines if they collect unsegregated garbage.

All those mounds of garbage scattered everywhere are unsegregated, so garbage men will not collect them because of Abalos' threats. Ninety percent of Metro Manila's trash, especially those from wet markets and households, are unsegregated. So they will accumulate in the streets because the collectors will not collect them. In his naiveté, Abalos thinks this will force households or market vendors to segregate their garbage.

No, they won't. What they will do is put their bags of garbage in the trunks of their vehicles, drive to C-5 or some other dark street and dump their trash there. It is these people who should be jailed and fined, but none of them would be caught unless Abalos assigns undercover men to guard the streets day and night.

Abalos has got his priorities mixed up. The first priority is to collect the garbage to prevent an epidemic from breaking out and then gradually teach the people, through incentives, advertising and public information, to segregate their trash.

Also a top priority is to find a new dump. The garbage contractors have been collecting the garbage but once collected, there is no place to dump them. That is why the trash has accumulated again; the garbage men don't collect them because they don't know where to dump them. It was the job of the MMDA (and Malacañang) to find a new dump but when Abalos was appointed chief of the MMDA, he took the easy way out. He abdicated the job and passed the buck to the mayors. The local executives were left to their own devices in disposing of their garbage.

So now their respective garbage contractors have been clandestinely dumping their trash in neighboring provinces, in vacant lots, in rivers, creeks and lakes (yes, including Laguna Lake, which has recently been brought under the protection of a world environmental body), bribing local officials and residents to close their eyes to the ruination of their communities.

By abdicating his job, Abalos has allowed Metro Manila governments to unfairly make their neighbors their garbage dumps. It is like sweeping the trash under the rug. You don't see the trash but it is hidden under the carpet. In effect, they are making many mini-San Mateos all over the municipalities surrounding Metro Manila. Where do you think all those huge mounds of garbage polluting the metropolis went? Why, they're secreted in many nooks and crannies here and there. The residents of these victim-municipalities are not yet screaming in outrage because they haven't yet seen the hidden dumps or smelled the stink nor has any epidemic broken out, but wait until they get huge enough to be seen and putrified enough to smell.

Abalos hides behind Republic Act 9008 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act which mandates the segregation of garbage.

"Let us not talk about dumpsites," he said. The law "does not talk about dumpsites. It talks about segregation."

But even if there is segregation, recycling and composting, there would still be left a percentage of the trash that would have to be dumped somewhere. Where do you dump that if there is no dump? Zero waste is a pipe dream. Even the most efficient waste disposal systems have not been able to achieve that.

Abalos and the legislators who passed RA 9008 have been seduced by well-intentioned NGOs to believe in zero waste management. Maybe they have been able to achieve that in the little communities with little waste where they operate. But with the gargantuan volume of garbage in the whole of Metro Manila, there would still be a sizable amount of leftover trash even with the best of recycling and composting.

Besides, the MMDA should face reality and admit the people cannot just get into the habit of segregating garbage just because Congress and Abalos will it. A massive propaganda and information campaign is needed to teach the people, especially the househelp, how to segregate garbage and make compost. Nothing makes people do things they don't usually do than incentives—like money for instance. If the MMDA will go house to house to buy recyclable materials and compost, the househelp will be encouraged to segregate and make compost for some additional income. Farmers need and want all the compost they can get. But how does the urban compost get to them? Somebody has to collect them house to house and sell them to the farmers. Promoting urban agriculture, backyard vegetable and flower gardening, will also encourage the making of compost for fertilizer. Those the MMDA, the Department of Agriculture, local government units and NGOs can do but somebody (perhaps Abalos?) must take the lead. Abalos can't just be complaining and passing the buck and making threats all the time. They won't make the garbage disappear. He must do something sensible.

First, there must be cheap and durable stands to hold separate bags for the segregated garbage. They must be readily available—perhaps in supermarkets—so shoppers will see them and buy them. They must be made in big volumes and people should be encouraged to buy them or copy them. The out-of-school youth or other jobless people (and yes, Mang Pandoy, too) can be taught to make them for their livelihood. Schoolboys can even be taught to make them as part of their vocational training.

Barangays and homeowners' associations should be taught by NGOs, the MMDA and LGUs to make the stands, segregate, make compost and plant gardens. Something like (ugh) Imelda's Green Revolution campaign should do it. Abalos can be the leader here which, if successful; can catapult him perhaps to Congress.

But of course all that is hard work. It is so much easier to just complain and make threats.

Yes, but–

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

CAN Danny Devnani be believed?

Only in the same way that Chavit Singson could be believed. Singson was also a shadowy character when he came out to testify against Erap Estrada, someone people shied away from. No respectable politician in Ilocos wanted to be associated with him as it was a kiss of death. Of course it was another matter entirely after the impeachment trial, when they positively lined up to have a picture taken with him, but that's another story. Singson was notorious, too, at the time he came out to expose Erap. That did not make him less believable, it made him more so.

It was the one thing that convinced people he knew what he was talking about. If he had been squeaky clean, he would not have been part of Erap's cabal. Estelito Mendoza, we recall, tried to wreck Singson's credibility on that very ground—Singson had lied in his ledger, jotting down expenses for tobacco farmers that never got to them, so how could we believe him when he said he was telling the truth?—but did not get very far with it.

Devnani may also be a creepy character, he may even have a P28-million case hanging over his head, as Erap's camp says he does, but that is what makes him credible. He knows whereof he speaks. He was part of the cabal that, as he put it, lived a dissolute lifestyle the likes of which you couldn't begin to imagine. He has seen and heard. Whatever his motives—and Singson's motives were never pure either—he deserves to be listened to. Maybe he is doing it to save his body, to get out of all sorts of financial jams of his making; maybe he is doing so to save his soul, in response to the flailing of conscience. I do not know, or care. All I want to know, or care about, is whether he was in a position to know the things he says he does. Singson himself says Devnani was closer to Erap than he was. I believe him.

I have no problems believing Devnani. But I do have two problems with the testimony he gave last Thursday and the subsequent details he's revealed to media in interviews.

The first one is that unlike Singson's testimony, Devnani has pretty much only himself to back up what he says. Singson had documents and other witnesses to do so. Those other witnesses were Emma Lim and the other accountants who processed the *jueteng* money that was supposed to go to Erap. Devnani has only what he saw and heard to back up his monumental charge that the former president of the Philippines, his son and their police chief connived with the head of the notorious Kuratong Baleleng to kidnap people. While Sen. Nene Pimentel is right to say that is not hearsay but direct evidence, that makes it only a case of his word against Erap's et al. While I for one believe Devnani—his revelations tie up such seemingly totally unrelated events as the murder of Arnie Tuadles and the massacre of Kuratong Baleleng suspects—I do not know how far his testimony in its present form can possibly prosper in the Senate or, worse, in a court of law.

My second problem with Devnani's testimony is that while it directly implicates Erap and Jinggoy, it does not do so Sen. Panfilo Lacson, who is the one person the Senate is supposed to be investigating, and for whom the Senate hearing was called to order. Devnani himself says he never knew Lacson well, he met him only a couple of times in the club he fronted for Erap. Lacson's presence in the "evil place" does not guarantee his being evil, or his being party to the conspiracy to kidnap by the regulars there, even if that could be proven to be true. Devnani has no case against Lacson, only against Erap. You cannot link the two simply by association.

Which makes me wonder again about Col. Victor Corpus' ability to effectively carry out his campaign against Lacson. He may be an incomparable idealist, but he is no incomparable strategist. Devnani of course was his surprise witness, the one person who would give credence to his accusations. But now even if Devnani could prove his charges, if he could persuade the kidnap victims to come out and corroborate what he is saying, his testimony would be useful only against Erap, not Lacson. Why Corpus should choose to use Devnani in the Senate hearing on Lacson and not in the trial of Erap, I do not know. It is a question worth asking.

I personally am tremendously interested in Devnani's story. He deserves listening to, as I said, but not in this hearing. He is also a tremendous distraction at this point. The point is to pin down Lacson for wrongdoing, not Erap. Unless Devnani can show some piece of evidence Lacson was the brains behind the kidnapping plots that were presumably hatched in his club, none of his testimony may, or should, matter to the Senate. Indeed, unless he can say he personally heard one of the plotters tag Lacson in a specific plot, none of his testimony may, or should, matter to the Senate. Unless he can do these things, Corpus would be better off with other surprise witnesses.

I can understand civil society's anxieties about the motives of some of the senators for wishing the investigation of Lacson to cease. But the fault is not the Senate's alone, or at all. For all his *kakulitan*, or scrupulousness, Sen. Serge Osmeña has a point when he keeps asking, "But what exactly do you want the Senate to do?" It is a completely reasonable question, and one Corpus et al., as well as civil society itself, would do well to answer. What exactly do we want the Senate to do in light of Devnani's revelations? That testimony may give the lawyers who will prosecute Erap and Jinggoy Estrada much to go on, but it does not do so the senators who have gathered to assess whether Lacson is worthy of their continuing company. Or indeed of his continuing freedom.

If somebody isn't listening to you, the problem may not always be that he is not interested in you. It may be that you have nothing interesting to say.

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A vision for the Spratlys

COMMENTARY

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AS President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo refocuses the Philippines' relationship with our Asean neighbors, one wonders whether she has already taken notice of a vital input from the environmental community—the concept of a trans-boundary biosphere reserve in the Spratlys.

If not, a well thought-out paper presented by Dr. Mike Fortes of the UP Marine Science Institute at a Unesco conference in Pamplona, Spain three years ago is well worth revisiting.

There can be no debate with Fortes' argument for regional security and stability as pre-conditions to overcoming severe economic crisis in our region. His recommendation—a new view of the South China Sea other than as an arena of nation-state rivalries among the Philippines, China, Taiwan, Malaysia, Vietnam and Brunei—can however expect rougher sailing from landlocked political cultures.

Regional tension over the Spratlys is a symptom of a serious lack of both deep memory of a shared past and vision for a future rooted in nature's parameters—in this case, human dependence on regional waters that, like air, can only be divided by national considerations at everyone's expense. A creeping degradation of our shared seas has already begun, warns Fortes, while marine reality continues to receive minimal attention from governments reorienting national economies from agriculture to export industrialization.

Having listened to economists, politicians and the military getting nowhere on the Spratlys, here, for a change, is a marine scientist's version of true value: "The South China Sea is at the crossroads of the most biologically diverse region on earth—the Indo-Pacific. Its reefs and islets protect pristine associations of Indo-Pacific flora and fauna—seagrasses, seaweeds, mangroves, corals, mollusks, fish, seabirds and turtles, including rare and endangered species.

"Moreover, tuna, mackerel, scads and coral reef fish stocks as well as stocks of shrimp around the region are replenished from the Spratlys. It is estimated that their loss would reduce total catches of these fish in bordering countries by up to 25 percent. These spawning grounds are particularly important where coastal populations of adult fish are declining, as appears to be the case in the Philippines.

"In the vastness of the South China Sea, the islets are particularly important for the migration of birds, fish and mammals and for the breeding and nesting of endangered species of sea turtles. For example, larvae may pass from the Spratlys to the Paracel Islands in one generation, to Vietnam and the Natuna Islands in the next, and back to the Spratlys in the third generation. Disruption of this larval exchange system could seriously impair the adaptability of some species to future environmental changes..."

A man-sized challenge is Fortes' recommendation for a multi-use, regionally managed system for the Spratlys based on scientific research. Some areas could be exclusively protected for posterity and scientific investigation while others would be accessible to tourists, he suggests. Still others could be opened for jointly managed exploitation of maritime resources encompassing energy sources and raw materials for new industries.

That all this is however more easily said than done is putting it mildly. Not only are there ethnic, religious, cultural and historical differences on top of varying levels of development to overcome. There, too is the over-layer of a colonial past to which seeds of old territorial disputes (like the Philippines' anachronistic claim to Sabah) can be traced. Neo-colonialism is yet another source of conflict vis-à-vis present-day trade and security aspects of our regional sea lanes and maritime resources.

But dreaming a new dream and saying "Why not?", Fortes points to the fact that seven biosphere reserves already exist in three countries bordering the South China Sea—Can Gio in Vietnam, Puerto Galera and Palawan in the Philippines, Nanji Islands, Wuyishan, Dinghushan and Shankou Mangrove of China. He also mentions a forthcoming Unesco conference dealing with the Spratlys with marine scientists from countries like China, Vietnam and the Philippines.

That the area they are defining to be rich beyond imagining happens to fall within the prehistorical maritime and cultural exchange network anthropologists like William G. Solheim II have been studying fruitfully may help. Dialogue among natural scientists could well lead to an even more fascinating dialogue between natural and cultural scientists on both the depths and surfaces of our ancient region. With the public listening in, who knows that such efforts may not be another journey of a thousand miles beginning with a single sailboat such as our common regional forefathers have already known?

Little steps forward

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

"WHEN many little people in many little places take many little steps, then we're really moving forward," said Naga City civil society stalwart "Mommy Jean" Llorin. Though she was speaking on Naga City's successful experiment in participatory planning and governance down to the barangay level, she might well have been describing the real meaning of decentralization and local autonomy.

As Interior Secretary Joey Lina said, before the Local Government Code, practically all planning and decision-making was made at the national level and merely transmitted to local leaders. Today local government executives are given "tremendous powers and responsibilities" to fulfill their mandate to deliver basic services and manage the concerns of their localities.

This was made possible by the Local Government Code, whose 10th anniversary falls on Oct. 10. The "10-10-10" celebration seeks to "recognize the achievements, milestones and innovations of local autonomy in this country." Inevitably, it may also highlight the shortcomings of local autonomy, particularly if a province, city or municipality were to be so unlucky as to be saddled with incompetent, indifferent or corrupt (or all of the above) local officials.

And yet, as Lina pointed out, local government is really the "promised land" of Philippine politics. "*Magkagulo na sa* national level, as long as local governments function well, the country will progress." So if we say we care about the future of this country, we must all care about how well—or badly—our local governments are run.

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TO PROVIDE local government women executives—governors, vice governors, mayors, vice mayors and legislators—both the morale and technical support they need, the First National Congress and Training of Local Government Women Executives opened yesterday at the Century Park Hotel.

Ongoing until Thursday, the Congress was organized by the Women in Politics Institute, Philippines (WPI), in cooperation with the Center for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics (Capwip) and in support of the Department of Interior and Local Government's "10-10-10" Celebration. Sponsors are the Asia-Pacific Gender Equity Network (UNDP-APGEN), the Paragon Regional Governance Programme (UNDP/Paragon), and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (Unifem).

Why the focus on women local executives? Lina, who was the keynote speaker at the opening, said he believes "women are in a position to change politics" as we know it, being relative newcomers who can bring fresh attitudes and perspectives to the work of governance. Some possibilities he cited: proving that "you don't have to spend so much to win an election," and that "you can stay honest while in office."

Sylvia Muñoz Ordoñez of Capwip was more modest in her goals: "to learn from one another as we confront a globalizing world." Remmy Rikken of the WPI noted the need for continuous sharing of skills, insights and lessons learned from "practical programs and doable best practices" already carried out successfully by LGUs.

Oyie de Dios, chair of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, noted that "both men and women are equally capable of good governance, if given the opportunity," and the enabling environment, I might add. But she also noted that it's about time the "traditional route" to a woman's assumption of power, which is the death of a male relative, was abandoned for the more formal, public and accountable routes of party selection and elections.

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TRUE to its promise to provide practical and doable models of effective governance, the morning's plenary was capped by a panel of women speakers on "Devolution in Action."

Llorin spoke on Naga City's innovative "tri-partite partnership" in planning, service delivery and monitoring among the city government, the barangay leaders and NGOs. The NCRFW executive director Ermelita Valdeavilla presented a plan for organizing local commissions on women. Civil Service Commissioner May Fernandez briefed the local officials on the rules, guidelines, ethics and accountability of the civil service.

But clearly, it was the last speaker who provoked the most curiosity and enthusiasm among the local executives. Dominica Lorbes, retired city planning and development coordinator of Legazpi City, spoke on their LGUs' experience in bond flotation, when they offered "Suerte Bonds" to raise part of the funds for a socialized housing project.

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ONE of the reasons former Legazpi City Mayor Imelda Roces chose the bond flotation as a financing scheme, said Lorbes, was that "it was innovative and our mayor wanted to be innovative." Roces, a three-termer who has "graduated" and is thus on furlough, was the city's first woman mayor. "So it took a woman local executive to try out this novel scheme."

A bond flotation also "allows involvement of the private sector and the general public especially the community...in the development efforts of the city." To this end, the "Suerte Bonds" were denominated as low as P5,000 ("imagine, for just P5,000, you'll be honored as an investor") to P500,000.

Early on, said Lorbes, they realized that the bond flotation would not succeed if people, but especially potential investors, did not have faith in the integrity of their local leadership. It was thus also a "referendum" of sorts on the people's confidence in the mayor and her administration. Also, investors were drawn to the project because it was income-generating as well as "popular, relevant and timely."

Investors also saw the bonds as fail-safe investments, earning 15 percent per annum for a two-year term, and, more important, guaranteed by the HIGC, the national home insurance corporation. The city government was paid upon completion of the socialized housing project by the Pag-IBIG, which in turn amortized the homes to the beneficiaries.

Apparently, so happy were the investors in the project that they told researchers that they were willing to buy bonds to finance other projects, including a public market, phase 2 of the housing project, and a business and industry park which the new Legazpi City administration is pursuing.

Which brings us to another lesson. "I beg of you," said Lorbes, "please have a sense of continuity. Don't discard a good project just because it was started by your predecessor."

Renewing acquaintance with Quezon

LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo

EVERY August, I resist the temptation to write columns about: Manuel Luis Quezon, "Linggo ng Wika," or the unsettled controversy over the cradle of the Philippine Revolution of 1896—Balintawak or Pugad Lawin. This year, I am prompted to write about Quezon since my 6-year-old niece, Isabel, shocked the daylights out of us at breakfast last Sunday by asking if anyone had visited Quezon's tomb in the Quezon Memorial Circle (or ellipse?). I was there ages ago and all I remember was that it was dark, damp and depressing. Isabel's experience was very different and her short-term interest in Quezon was definitely a welcome change from her obsession with Pokemon.

On Saturday she asked her mother, aunt and uncle why Quezon was the father of the "Linggo ng Wika." Nobody knew the answer and advised her to ask me. She pestered all the elders around until she got an answer that satisfied her. Her curiosity was lucrative because she sweetly asked an uncle to show her Quezon on the twenty-peso bill. After looking at the bill, she placed it innocently in her pocket. While everyone found it cute, it sent a shudder up my spine because she did just as a corrupt traffic cop or aide does with bills that show Osmeña, Roxas or Ninoy. Out of the blue I asked if she knew Quezon's birthday—I didn't know the exact date—and she gave the right answer: Aug. 19, 1878. Imagine the historian uncle put to shame by a 6-year-old. I asked when he died and she answered quickly Aug. 1, 1944.When asked what caused his death, she hesitated. I gave a clue. I said it starts with the letter "t" and she jumped and answered, "tuberculosis!" Isn't tuberculosis a hard word for a 6-year old? This one can actually spell Czechoslovakia and show you where it is on the map!

Then came another challenge—what was the name of Quezon's wife? She answered calmly, Aurora Aragon. What was the name of his son? Manuel Jr. Can you name one of his daughters? Zenaida Quezon-Avanceña. After this, we gave up and resolved to get her in as a contestant in "Who Wants to be a Millionaire."

What was it about Quezon that caught my niece's imagination? Was it her trip to the Quezon Memorial? Was it the goodies she could buy with a twenty-peso bill? I remember that one of the first Filipiniana titles I bought for myself was a thick book titled, "Quezon: Thoughts and Anecdotes About Him and His Fights" by Juan F. Rivera. This was also one of the first Philippine books I remember reading. I bought the compilations of Nick Joaquin's essays from the bargain bin of the National Bookstore at P1 each at the same time but didn't read them till many years after I acquired them. It was the Quezon book I read right away. Before I knew about Quezon the politician and historical figure, I learned about Quezon the man relishing anecdotes about his temper and using his favorite "p" word at an early age. I dug the book out of the shelves and found his own words:

"When I left Manila, the doctors told me I could drink nothing intoxicating. When I reached Java I saw a doctor, and he said, 'a glass of beer would not hurt.' So I drank beer from Java to Paris. In Paris another doctor said: 'You should not drink beer; wine is the only thing.' So I changed gratefully to white wine. Then a French specialist told me: 'You should drink champagne; it is the only thing for you.' So I drank champagne for a time.

"Then I reached the United States, and here my physicians tell me: 'Don't drink any wines and beers at all. Whisky is the only proper drink.' So now, if I want a drink, all I have to do is to decide which physician I will obey..."

The above made me wonder if Erap had a French physician too. Rereading the Quezon anecdotes gave me a number of cross-references to the present, like Quezon asking the rector of the University of Santo Tomas if he had difficulty with the implementation of compulsory military training. Wasn't it the murder of a UST student that inspired the growing clamor for the abolition of the ROTC? There was an anecdote about Quezon cleaning out Elpidio Quirino at a game of poker on a ship cruising Japan and saying, "your province mates wont get anything from you." While Erap gave to the infamous *balato* twins of the Senate, Quezon gave his winnings to Ilocano Gen. Artemio Ricarte who was exiled in Yokohama. Fortunately, not all the cross-references were on Erap, one was on Rizal and explained why all death sentences were commuted to life imprisonment during Quezon's term. After his inauguration as President of the Commonwealth, Quezon entered Malacañang and remembered:

"...As I stepped out of the presidential car and walked over the marble floor of the entrance hall, and up the wide stairway, I remembered the legend of the mother of Rizal...who went up those stairs on her knees to seek executive clemency from the Spanish Governor General Polavieja, that would save her son's life. This story had something to do with my reluctance to believe that capital punishment should ever be carried out..."

No one fried in the electric chair during Quezon's term because of the memory of Rizal's mother on the steps of Malacañang. History may not be very useful to get a job but it can help you win a game show or see your present in the context of the past.

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Listen to the wisdom of the poor

COMMENTARY

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THESE past few months there has been a flurry of activities in aid of the poor. After the May 1 assault on the Palace, there's a running joke that the roads to the slums have been more clogged than usual, because a number of groups have been hurrying to lend their ears, time and their money to assuage the common *tao's* anger.

It must have been a relief of sorts for some of the poor who saw at last a little ray of hope. Seen and heard at last! However, the problem is not as easy as we all think. To go about fighting poverty without understanding is like Don Quixote fighting windmills. We might be aiming at the wrong targets.

Traditionally, helping the poor meant giving charity, educating them for livelihood alternatives and keeping them aware of issues, teaching them how to react to issues, giving immediate jobs, etc., etc. It's a top-down approach, and the poor are at the bottom. The good trickles slowly to them, because before it reaches their hands, it will pass through many others. And what's left to them is a dribble.

This is not to say that the top-down approach is all bad. The aim is well-intentioned, but it hasn't really reached its goal. This being so, it is quite apparent that there is a need to change the way we do things, a reinvention, a new approach.

Maybe it's time that we really listen. A few months back, Jesuit seminarians who tested a listening method for voters' education learned a few lessons, instead of giving lessons. They found out that the common folk had wisdom long unsuspected. The barrio people they have visited showed expertise on their local situation. They know what they are doing right, and what they have done wrong. They can resolve to do better, as shown by the criteria for voting they themselves authored. They can shape their own future.

This shows what unrecognized power the poor have. Materially, they may not be as well off as the rest of us, but they have wisdom we misunderstand or even ignore. This is what makes them really poor. Their native wisdom is useless, since they do not have access to services that would make them more productive, or even more learned. They cannot penetrate the invisible wall we have built, because it is so far away from their immediate reality, a reality of hunger and insecurity.

This insecurity has led many of the poor to have no sense of identity, no sense of belongingness in a country they call their own. It is no wonder why so many of the poor supported former President Estrada. For the first time, they saw themselves in someone who rose to become president of a country while being an outcast in the world of the intelligentsia. His doles and his lofty promises further endeared him to their hearts.

This is expected because they have never really been given the chance to participate in the making of their own future. We have somehow engendered a culture of mendicancy, where doles are the order of the day. We have pushed the poor to anticipate what we can give them. They were just passive spectators as others turned the world for them.

The problem of poverty in our country is huge, and each step to eradicate it seems too slow. But fighting poverty is not at all like David taking out Goliath in one blow. It takes little steps, steps that could make a difference. The differences may be miniscule at first, but as little stones thrown in the water create infinite ripples, so can one small deed create a ripple effect of more good deeds.

It's idealistic, and can hardly be hoped for in a society such as ours where senators battle for committee chairmanships while the rest of the country faces disasters, man-made or otherwise. But for people who are tired of the same old politics, the days of elite rule should be numbered. The poor should become partners in nation building. This time, the whining politicians who think of nothing but themselves should be ignored.

The key here is to listen to the poor, and to give more avenues where they can speak out, and where they can be more productive. Access to basic services should be widened for them for they have as much right as we have to the comforts our taxes can offer. A change of perspective is in order. Our attitudes toward the poor, disgust or misplaced sympathy, our assumed superiority over them, should be shifted to one that is more open to the idea that the poor play a vital role in human society—they deserve to participate in the creation of a better world.

Saddam strengthens ties in Palestinian 'intifada'

NEWS ANALYSIS

Randa Habib

AMMAN—Iraq is emerging as the champion of the Palestinian uprising against Israel and developing ties with Arab countries in moves that have strengthened Saddam Hussein's stature among his people, analysts and diplomats in Jordan said Monday.

They said Iraq is drawing its strength from its oil revenues and economic agreements with several Arab countries, many of which stood against Baghdad in the US-led 1991 war to liberate Kuwait.

"Saddam Hussein is stronger than ever today, and the American attempts to isolate him are nothing but a mirage," a senior Jordanian official told AFP.

"He is using the intifada (Palestinian uprising) card to rally the masses, who are thirsty for tough slogans against Israel and the United States, and to break Iraq's isolation," he said under condition of anonymity.

Since the outbreak of the intifada last September, Baghdad has championed Arab support for the Palestinian people and says it has mobilized six million volunteers to "liberate Palestine" from Israeli occupation.

Iraq has likewise pledged to allocate 1 billion euros ($915 million) from its UN-controlled oil revenues to the Palestinian uprising.

Baghdad also sends regularly financial aid to the families of anti-Israeli suicide bombers and Palestinian "martyrs" of the intifada.

Saddam, whose portraits are brandished during anti-Israeli protests in the Palestinian territories alongside Iraqi flags, has also ordered the construction in Baghdad of a monument to the Palestinian dead.

At the same time, he is building trade relations with several Arab countries which are facing deep economic crises and who see in the Iraqi market a gateway toward their own financial salvation.

"Saddam is playing Santa Claus with the Arab governments and populations, who are becoming more and more dependent on him," a Western diplomat in Amman told AFP.

When Baghdad threatened in June to close its market to Arab countries who agree to implement US-British so-called "smart sanctions" against Baghdad, the Arab countries formed an unprecedented alliance to foil the project.

This was followed by the most spectacular Iraqi-Arab rapprochement in recent months when Syria, a historically arch-foe of Saddam's government, decided to upgrade its ties with Baghdad. Diplomatic relations are broken since 1980.

Syrian Prime Minister Mohammad Mustafa Miro made a groundbreaking visit to Baghdad in early August, while Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan visited Damascus as the two countries decided to raise their annual trade to $1 billion.

Arab diplomats in Amman now expect Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to visit Baghdad very soon in what would be the first by a Syrian head of state to Iraq in more than 20 years.

And Iraqi officials, who since 1990 have been using Jordan as an exit route for their travels abroad, have been instructed to transit through Syria, the Jordanian official said.

Meanwhile, Saddam's intelligence services are providing the Iraqi leader with sensitive information on the internal developments in the Arab countries "to help him know their weak points," a Jordanian senator told AFP.

This is the case in Jordan, "where Saddam is trying to reinforce (pro-Iraqi) bases, and that is very dangerous," the senator said on condition of anonymity.

AFP

Should incumbent senators be in media?

SENATORS Noli de Castro and Loren Legarda amply display their righteousness in issues affecting the country in which they themselves are involved, and sometimes their reactions have been less than dispassionate (particularly in the latter's case).

But the speed and volubleness of their defenses against the charges leveled by one Legarda scornfully dismisses as "that character," all the highfalutin defense of their aggrieved sensibilities is downright ridiculous considering the two senators flout one clear constitutional provision by persisting in their other jobs as hosts in two television programs. They violate the Constitution when De Castro hosts his weekly TV program "Magandang Gabi Bayan" every Saturday and Legarda hosts her TV program "Kabalikat" and endorses the laundry soap Ariel. They can insist that they do it for free and therefore they do not derive direct financial benefits therefrom. I could take their word for it, but others will say unkindly that they might as well go and tell that to the Marines.

Section 14 of Article VI of the Constitution provides that no senator, during his term of office, shall be directly or indirectly interested in any franchise or special privilege granted by the government. ABS-CBN is a holder of a franchise granted by the government. It directly benefits from the airing of De Castro's program, which is produced by his own company. The direct benefit comes in the form of good ratings that draw advertisers to the TV station. The company of De Castro gets paid for the program and percentage from earnings from the advertisements. Aside from that, De Castro gets free media exposure to maintain his popularity. He therefore derives indirect benefit out of the franchise of ABS-CBN from his hosting of the Saturday program. The benefit need not always be quantifiable in monetary terms. Anything that adds value to the senator would be a benefit whether it is in terms of better public projection or a diminished fiscal responsibility to his next of kin because the latter make good business out of the program or product endorsements. The same thing could also be said of Legarda who also hosts a TV program and Sen. Tito Sotto who hosts "Brigada Siete" at GMA.

Will these honorable senators even bother to show they understand the full import of the constitutional provision and respect the Constitution, which they swore to uphold and defend when they took their respective oaths of office? Will the other senators who also do other jobs in media reexamine their excuses?—**FRANK E. LOBRIGO, One Doña J. Guevara St., Cabagñan West, Legazpi City**

Jimenez extradition will ensure US help in Lacson probe

LETTERS
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THE MESSAGE conveyed by US chargé d'affaires Michael Malinowski recently serves as a strong signal to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to extradite Manila Rep. Mark Jimenez. This will ensure the cooperation of the US government in the investigation of the money laundering and drug trafficking charges against Sen. Panfilo Lacson. If the Macapagal administration is serious in pursuing the charges leveled against Lacson, it should immediately heed the US request to arrest and send back Jimenez.

We believe that the charges against Lacson are very serious and should be thoroughly investigated. Malinowski's message indicates that US authorities are willing to help gather the evidence in various US banks of the accounts not only of Lacson but also of his wife Alice and ousted President Joseph Estrada.

The US request for Jimenez's extradition has been pending for two years now. We call on the government to act favorably on this since the United States already has made several requests.

Jimenez currently enjoys temporary liberty after Manila Judge Guillermo Purganan allowed him to post bail. The Supreme Court has not yet acted on the Department of Justice's petition to cancel the bail to facilitate his arrest and deportation.

The recent extradition of Filipino murder suspects Afalla and Nancy Ong deserves to be reciprocated by us.

We are worried that the United States will delay or perhaps even reject the extradition of Estrada co-accused Yolanda Ricaforte and Charlie "Atong" Ang.

We are likewise apprehensive that the efforts of the Bureau of Immigration to locate Senior Superintendents Cesar Mancao and Michael Ray Aquino who are reportedly hiding in the United States or Canada will prove futile if the Philippine government fails to fulfill its treaty obligations.

The Jimenez extradition will give assurance to the people that the administration goes after violators of the law and will uphold the gains of people power.—**VENER ALPAPARA, chair, People's Organizations for the Preservation of Laws and Ethical Standards, 474-B JLC Bldg., Boni Avenue, Mandaluyong City**

Enough of the Senate circus

DURING the decline of the Roman Empire, the ruling oligarchy or emperor would sponsor fabulous and exotic extravaganzas that would result in the bloody deaths of thousands of gladiators, slaves and wild animals. Such mega-productions could last for months and were designed to enthrall and divert the attention of the Roman "*masa*" from the rising cost of bread. And should a politician wish to improve his current status in society, he had to sponsor even bigger and better extravaganzas to gain public approval.

Thus Imperial Rome was tamed by the price of a loaf of bread and circuses were created to mollify her restive populace.

And what does this short history lesson have to do with the price of *galunggong*?

Well, the fate of those who fought on the sands of the circus arena was decided by the thumbs-up or thumbs-down of the spectators, usually at the inducement of the circus organizer or potentate-in-attendance. Thus, gladiators for example, would begin by declaring, "*Ave Caesar, morituri te salutant* (Hail Caesar, those who are about to die salute you)."

As for the vanquished unfortunates lying helpless on the bloodied sands, their only hope was that their performance had sufficiently entertained the mob to warrant a thumbs-up reprieve. A thumbs-down verdict would result in a quick thrust of the gladius, trident or short spear to the heart or neck bringing about almost instantaneous death.

For sure, the grand spectacle within the halls of the Philippine Senate these past few days can be said to be worthy of old Caligula himself. Media personalities have begun to look and sound like the Roman impresarios of yore as they cajole or entice an ever increasing rabid mob of loyal texters to send in their thumbs-up or thumbs-down verdict on the Senate proceedings as soon as possible. The line between protagonist and antagonist blurs as the Senate inquiry takes on the shape of a drunken brawl. *Matira ang matibay.*

Such does not speak well of a society that wears its so-called civility like a red badge of courage. As this circus plays on, we seem to have forgotten our God, our laws and our objectivity to deal with the business at hand.

The proceedings at the Senate serve no purpose but to whet the appetite of the mob for blood at whatever cost. Our penchant for telenovelas has transformed our political institutions into tragicomic arenas displaying more show-biz histrionics than that found in your favorite afternoon soap opera.

Tama na! Sobra na! Ang pagtsitsismis ay tigilan na! Kung may katibayan ang bintang ng kahit sino, aba, eh, pumunta na lang kayo sa husgado para makapag-trabaho naman tayo muli at makatulong sa ating kapwa Pilipino kahit konti.—**JOSE ENRIQUE J. YULO, Yulo, Aliling & Associates, Ground Floor, C.J. Yulo 7 Sons Bldg., Pasong Tamo corner Don Bosco Road, Makati City**

Where is the money?

THIS is in reference to the P13-billion "pork" inserted in the 2002 budget as confirmed by Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin.

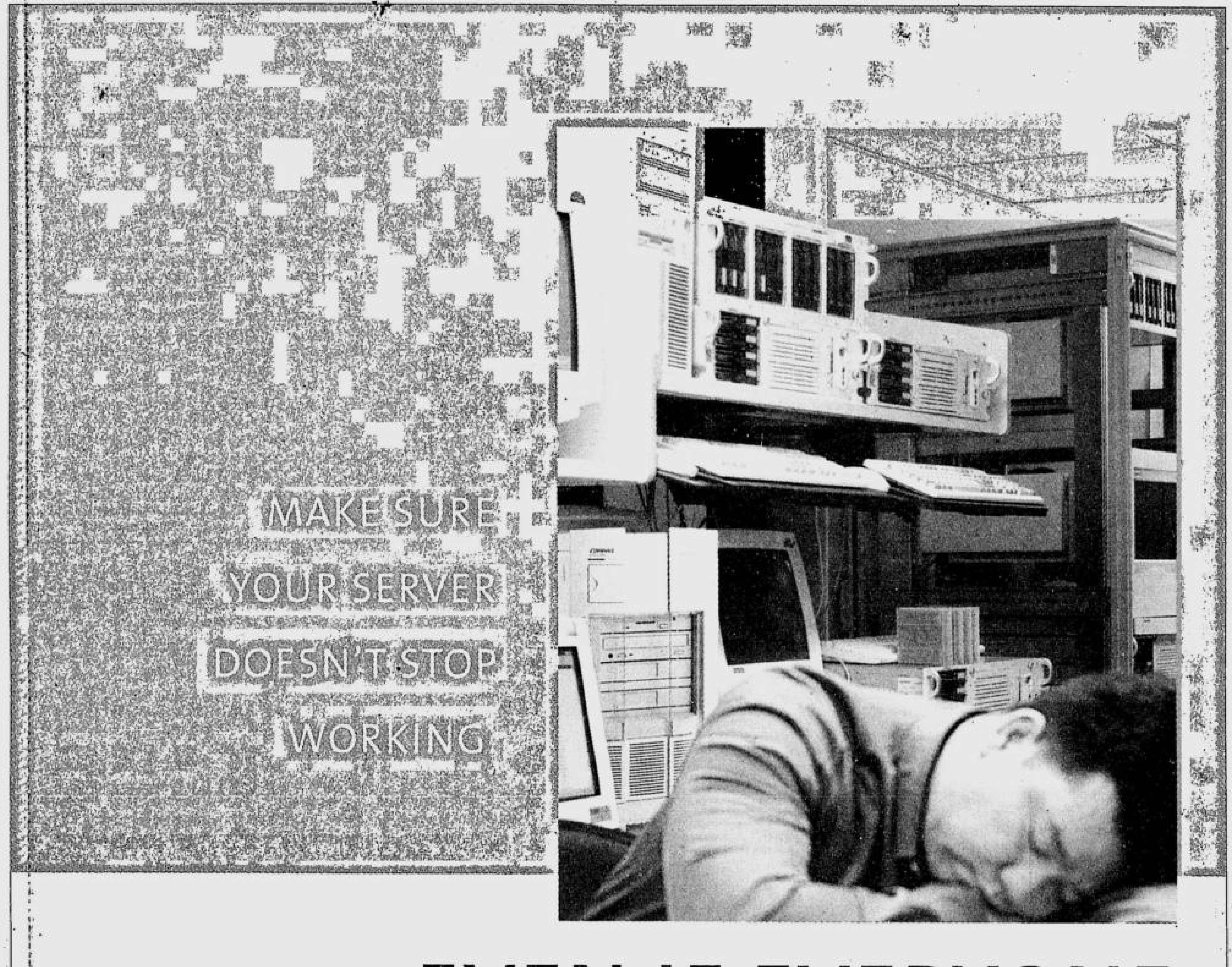
To be austere in managing household financial matters or "*magtipid*" is the proper word, if we need to prioritize our expenses.

I cannot believe that the 2002 pork barrel or whatever they may call it, is the same amenity these senators and congressmen have been waiting for. It is supposed to fund their pet projects, which at times are barely completed. This is 11.6 percent much higher than the previous administration's budget. According to news reports, the P13 billion has already been set aside for these politicians.

From a layman's point of view, I wonder where this money will be coming from when the government maintained that our country's financial coffers do not have enough money and there is a need for austerity in our expenditures. In other neighboring Asian countries, their governments have tremendous savings because of their efficiency in running their respective government's affairs and were able to accomplish their infrastructure programs.

Budget Secretary Boncodin said that the proposed outlay will be funded through revenue collections projected to be P624.3 billion. Note the word "projected" and still P130 billion short of the projected 2002 budget and this deficit will be funded from the local and foreign borrowings.

As taxpayers, we have to watch this closely because it can be construed as a political positioning for (before you know it) the next elections. It is the Filipino citizens who are always shortchanged. The people we expect (like those from the legislative branch) to do their job are instead making money out of this tremendous budget. It is our money they are playing with, not theirs.—**JOHN YOSHINORI UY, 70 Lantana St., Cubao, Quezon City**



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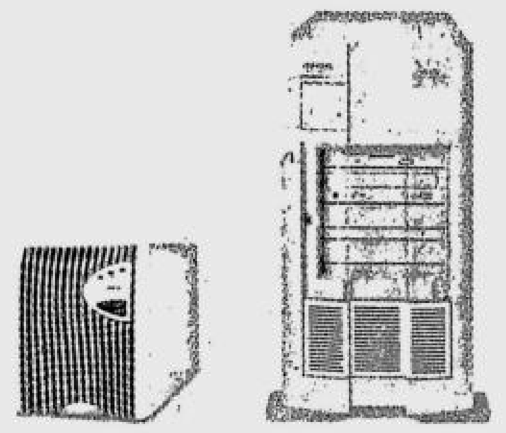

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Israeli seizes homes in Palestinian town

BEIT JALA, West Bank—Israeli tanks surged into Palestinian-ruled Beit Jala in the early yesterday and troops seized positions in the West Bank town used by gunmen to shoot on a nearby Jewish settlement.

A Palestinian security officer, Mohammed Sammour, 25, was killed and seven people were wounded in a clash with Israeli troops entering the town which faces Gilo, a Jewish settlement regarded by Israel as a neighborhood of Jerusalem.

The Army also sent tanks, bulldozers and armored vehicles into the Rafah refugee camp in the southern Gaza Strip overnight, wounding at least eight people and demolishing at least 10 buildings it said provided cover for snipers and arms smugglers before pulling out.

"Following frequent shooting incidents from the town of Beit Jala at innocent Israeli civilians in Jerusalem . . . troops took control over commanding areas within Beit Jala . . . in order to prevent the shooting," the Israeli Army said in a statement.

"Israeli Army forces entered the territory and will carry out the necessary action for a limited period of time to achieve the aims of the operation," the Army said.

Israel Radio said troops took up positions in at least five houses in the town.

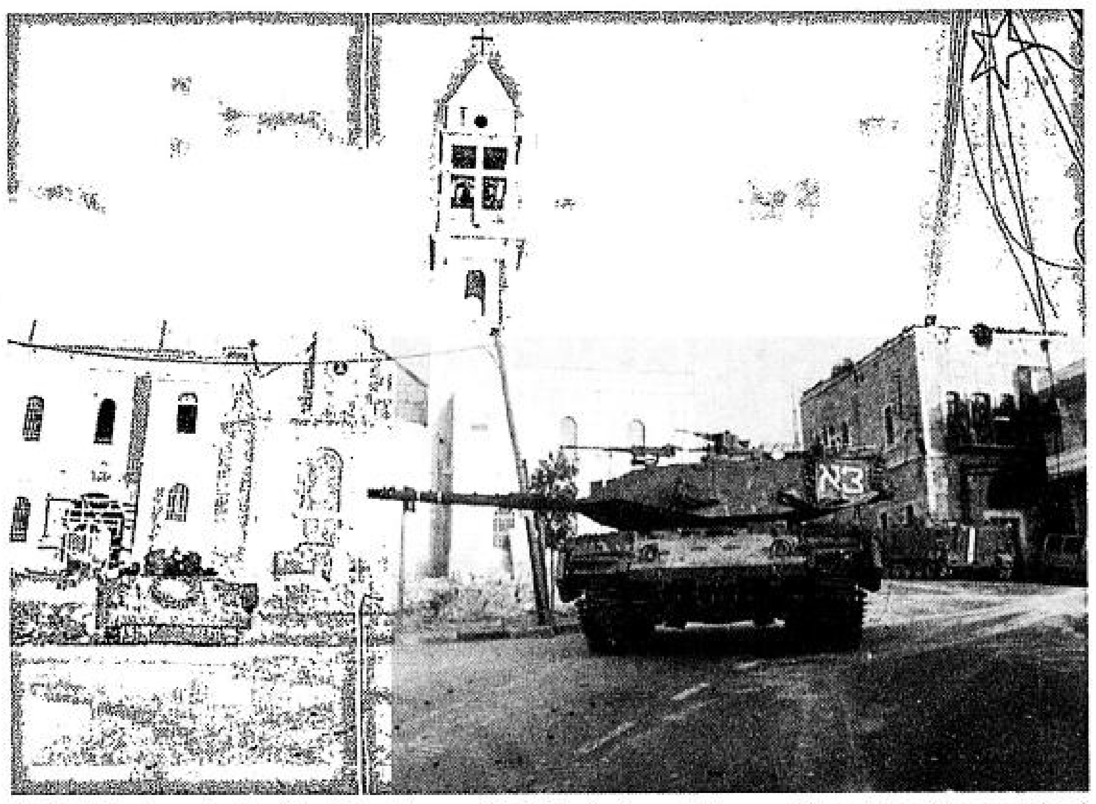
A Reuters cameraman at the scene saw troops stationed on the top floor of a two-story house in Beit Jala laying sandbags in the windows. A tank and armored vehicles were parked nearby.

Heavy shooting resounded through Jerusalem overnight during the raid into Beit Jala, close to the West Bank town of Bethlehem, the traditional birthplace of Jesus. Some people waved the V-for-victory sign as the tanks went past.

Renewed exchanges of fire were reported yesterday morning.

Gunmen have often fired from Beit Jala during the 11-month-old Palestinian revolt against Israeli occupation and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had warned the Palestinians he would not tolerate continued shooting at Gilo.

The seizure of Palestinian territory followed Israel's assassination of Abu Ali Mustafa, leader of a radical Palestinian faction it accused of masterminding bomb attacks, in a missile strike, which prompted criticism by the United States. *Reuters*



ISRAELI tanks enter the West Bank town of Beit Jala in the early hours of Aug. 28 and troops seized positions used by gunmen to shoot at a nearby Jewish settlement. REUTERS

Bush gave green light to slay, says report

CAIRO—Egypt's government press accused US President George W. Bush yesterday of giving Israel the "green light" to assassinate Palestinian militant leader Abu Ali Mustafa a day earlier in the West Bank.

"The assassination of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) leader came just two days after Bush said Israel will not negotiate under so-called 'terrorist' threats," the government paper Al-Akhbar wrote.

"It's clear to everyone that Bush gave the green light to the murderer Ariel Sharon, Israel's prime minister, to continue the policy of assassination and killing against the Palestinians," the editorial added.

Israeli missiles killed Mustafa on Monday, marking the first time since the beginning of the Palestinian uprising 11 months ago that Israel has targeted a top Palestinian leader with its hunt-and-kill policy.

"All this is happening with the blessing of Washington, whose president, with his controversial levels of intelligence, seems to have concluded that the best way of making peace in the Middle East is for the butcher Sharon to make his own peace with the Palestinians after killing them, a peace of the dead," the paper added.

The opposition Al-Wafd newspaper ran the story of Mustafa's death under the front-page headline "Israel Opens the Gates of Hell" and saw the killing as a warning to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat that he could be next. *AFP*

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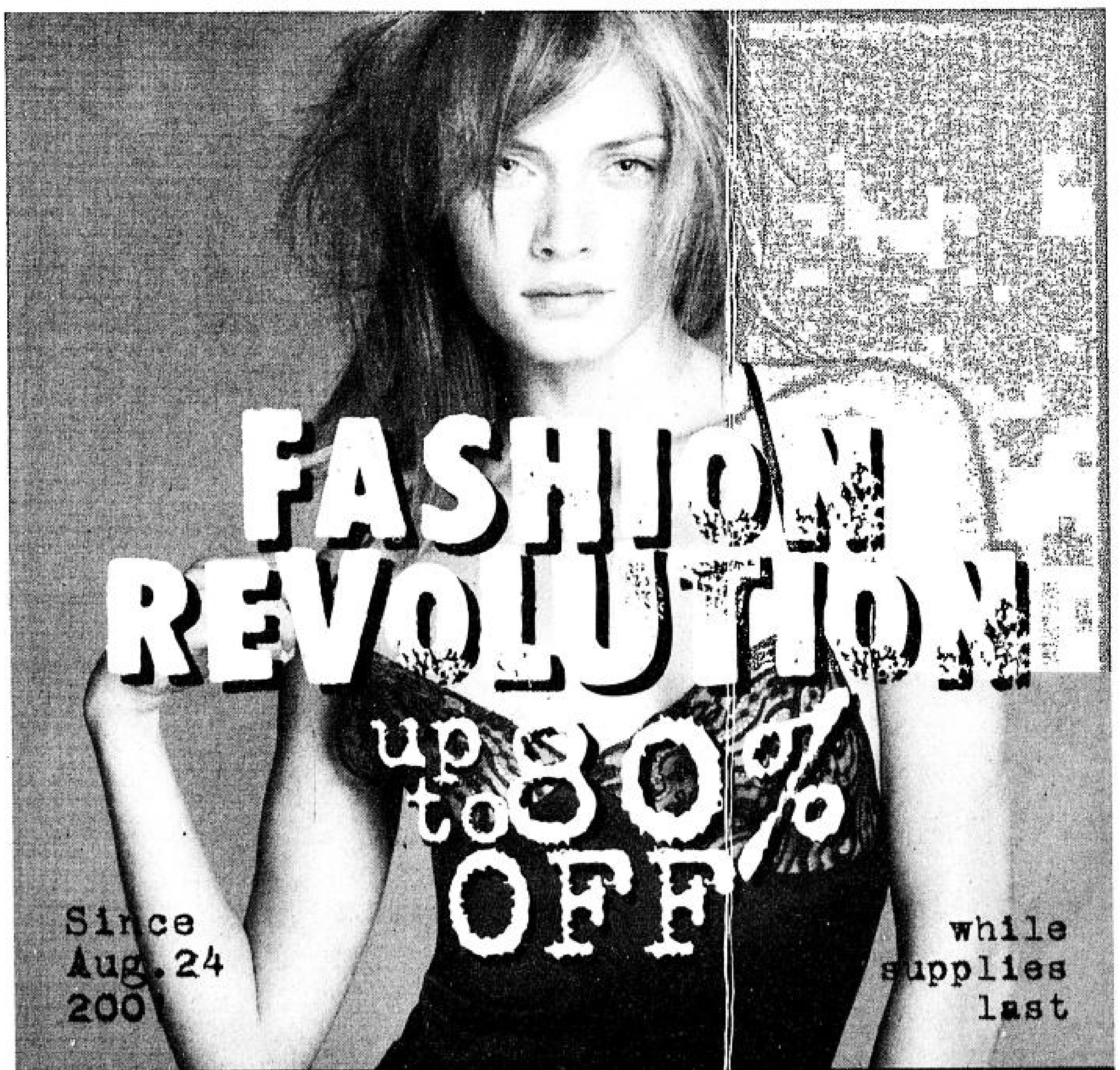

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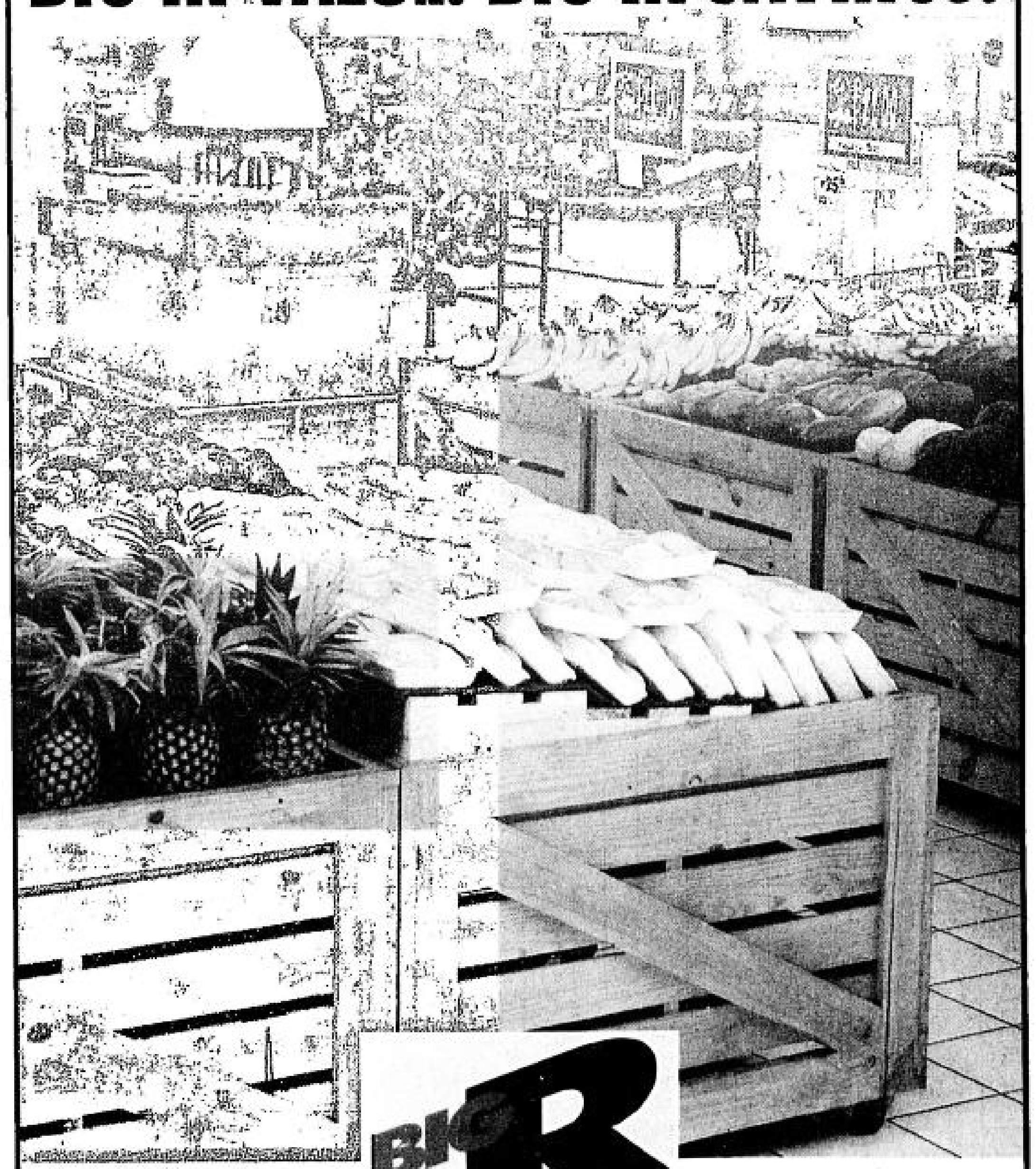

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Iraq claims it shot down US reconnaissance plane

BAGHDAD—Iraq said on Monday its upgraded air defenses had shot down a US reconnaissance plane over southern Iraq.

The US military confirmed that a $3.3-million unmanned RQ-1B Predator aircraft had gone missing over Iraq and may have crashed or been shot down while operating to enforce a "no fly" zone over much of the country's south.

It said the Predator was the first plane of its kind to be lost over Iraq.

The loss of the Predator was a significant morale boost for Baghdad, which considers Western sorties over its territory unlawful aggression aided and financed by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

"The air defenses in the Basra area shot down the plane when it was flying a spy mission inside Iraqi airspace," an Iraqi military spokesperson said.

Iraqi television aired video footage of what it described as the wreckage of the US plane scattered over the desert near the port of Basra, 480 km southeast of Baghdad. The footage showed an aircraft engine, mangled wires and communication boxes with the inscriptions "property of the USAF" and "US Navy prop."

"This was an advanced plane which the Americans used during their aggression on Yugoslavia," the spokesperson told the Iraqi News Agency, adding that the plane had been shot down on Monday after it crossed into Iraq from Kuwait.

Kuwait denied the aircraft had flown from its territory.

"Our air defenses have been modernized to confront the planes of aggression, which was admitted by US officials," the Iraqi military spokesperson said.

US officials said earlier this year Chinese technicians had been helping Iraq lay fiber-optic cables to integrate its air defenses.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri said the Predator was identifying Iraqi targets to prepare for air raids that already killed 353 civilians since the no-fly zones were carved 10 years ago.

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A young girl makes her way along the route of the annual bank holiday Monday parade at the Notting Hill Carnival in London Aug. 27. An estimated two million revelers are expected to descend on Notting Hill for the 37th annual carnival, Europe's biggest street festival.

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Bush likely to dip into Social Security

WASHINGTON—US President George W. Bush will be forced by the slumping economy to break his own promise and dip into a retirement trust fund to meet government obligations, a report made available Monday said.

The Congressional Budget Office report, widely leaked and confirmed by a congressional source, said the US government would take $9 billion from the Social Security surplus this year.

The report, due to be formally released Tuesday, blamed the slowing economy and big tax cuts for eating into budget revenues for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 and beyond. It is likely to further fuel the ongoing row between Democrats and Republicans over federal spending.

Leaders of Bush's Republican party went on the political offensive Monday with an advertising campaign touting the benefits of Bush's proposals and blaming problems on past overspending by Democrats.

"Over the past several weeks leaders of the Democratic Party have engaged in a campaign of misinformation, partisan rhetoric and hypocrisy," Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore, the Republican National Committee chair, said at a news conference launching the campaign.

Democrats have charged Bush has squandered the budget surplus he inherited from former president Bill Clinton with an ill-advised tax cut.

AFP

Skinhead movement spreading in Europe

BERLIN—Despite politicians urging tolerance, nationwide ad campaigns and increased vigilance by law enforcement, Germany's neo-Nazi "skinheads" are keeping up the pace of attacks against foreigners and minorities.

Especially distressing in Germany because of its Nazi legacy, the movement is spreading across Europe through the Internet, hate-filled music and open borders. Those fighting the problem hope this month's World Conference Against Racism can strengthen cooperation in every government in Europe has taken more extreme measures against refugees and of course it's legitimizing racism," said Tony Robson, a researcher with Searchlight, an international anti-racist group based in Britain. "At the street level, that translates to more racial violence."

In Germany earlier this month, the Interior Ministry warned that numbers of right-wing crimes remained unacceptably high so far this year: 430 violent crimes through the end of June out of 2,212 hate crimes that targeted people, mostly foreigners and Jews. The total number of right-wing offenses including other crimes such as vandalism was 7,729.

The numbers were similar to the same period for the year before, but because of a change in the way the counting was done the ministry said that meant the crime rate was actually higher.

The president of parliament, Wolfgang Thierse, said when he traveled through eastern Germany earlier this year that neo-Nazis posted his schedule on the Internet so they could follow him. At one open discussion, a local neo-Nazi leader openly confronted him.

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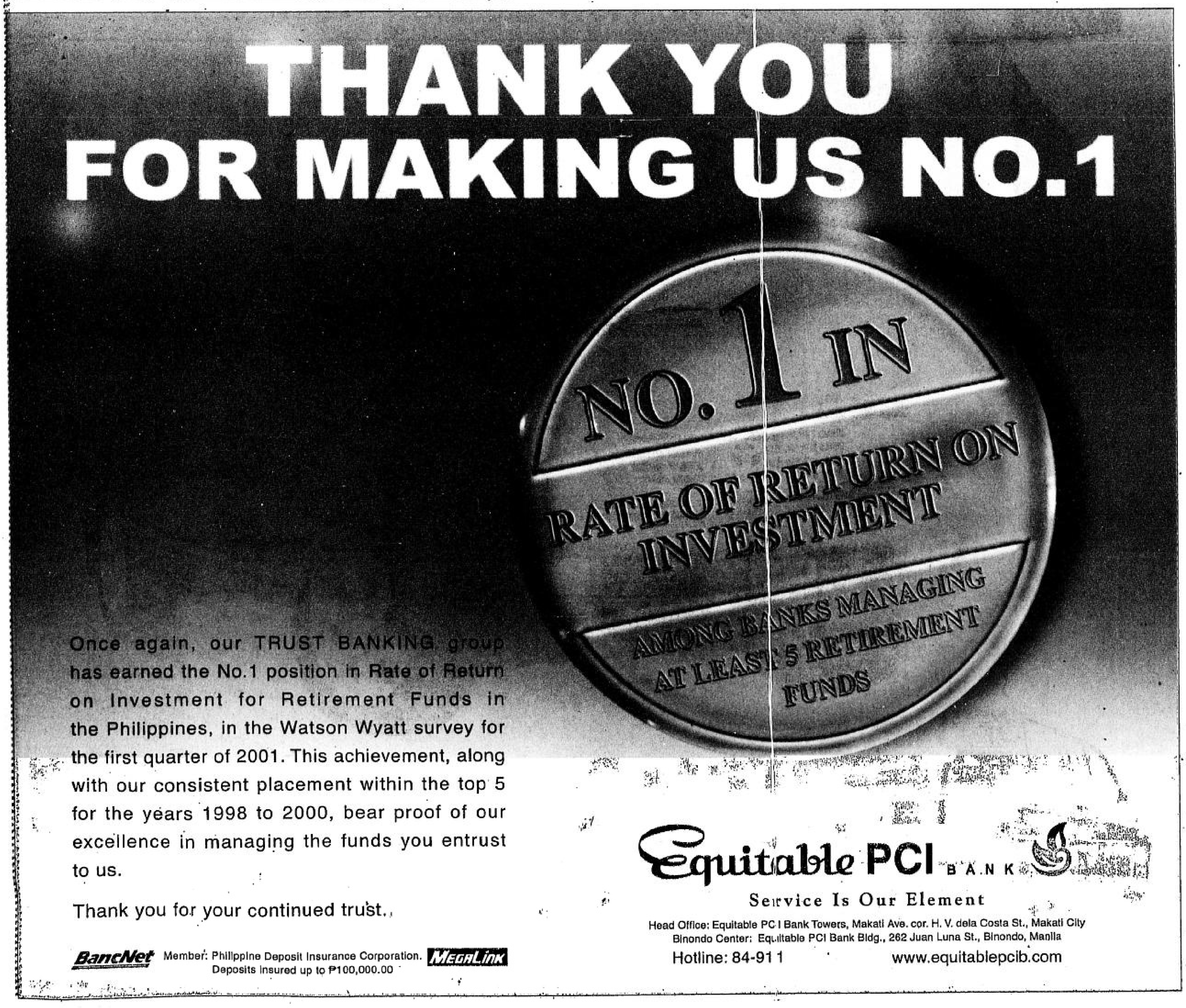
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Peru's Congress pins Fujimori for 2 massacres by death squads

LIMA—Peru's Congress unanimously voted to charge ex-President Alberto Fujimori on Monday with responsibility for two massacres by an army death squad, a move the government said will boost the chances of forcing his return from Japan to stand trial for alleged crimes against humanity.

Congress voted 75 to 0 in support of a congressional probe charging Fujimori knew about the 1991 murder of 15 party-goers in Lima and the 1992 killing of nine university students and a professor, paving the way for criminal proceedings to begin.

After hours of debate, politicians crossed party lines to give support to the most serious charges to date against the ex-president, who ruled Peru with an iron fist from 1990-2000.

"The possibility of extradition would be much more concrete . . . We'd be speaking about serious crimes against humanity which means that all (countries) have not only the duty but are also responsible for investigating and pursuing Alberto Fujimori," Roland Gamarra, a state attorney leading the investigations into crimes against humanity, told CPN radio.

The Congressional approval and ensuing criminal proceedings on such serious, internationally recognized charges have been seen as key in giving weight to Peru's bid to force Japan to extradite Fujimori for alleged misdeeds of his rule.

Fujimori fled to Tokyo in November amid a corruption scandal sparked by his former spy chief, Vladimiro Montesinos, and has been shielded there ever since because Japan recognizes him as a citizen and has no extradition treaty with Peru.

Peru's attorney general has already drawn up criminal charges against Fujimori for the "horrendous" 1991 massacre, among the worst incidents in a 10-year rule that gave the Andean country one of Latin America's worst rights records.

Fujimori says he is innocent and would not get a fair trial in Peru. *Reuters*

FUJIMORI

ANGELINA Jolie holds her UN passport after she was named goodwill ambassador by the UN refugee agency UNHCR in Geneva Aug. 27. The film star announced she would use her new role to raise international awareness of the plight of more than 20 million refugees. REUTERS

Sick refugees stranded at sea as 3 nations discuss their fate

SYDNEY—Australia defied pressure yesterday to take in a shipload of asylum seekers, many of them sick, as three nations discussed their fate in a complex legal and diplomatic standoff.

As negotiations went on, a major relief operation began on the Australian territory of Christmas Island to help the 438 stranded asylum seekers now on hunger strike aboard the Norwegian freighter Tampa.

The passengers, believed to be mostly refugees from Afghanistan with a few reportedly from Pakistan and Sri Lanka, were rescued from a sinking wooden boat by the Tampa off Indonesia late on Sunday.

The ship awaited instructions yesterday about 12 nautical miles off Christmas island which lies 1,500 km northwest of the Australian mainland and 350 km south of Indonesia.

Jakarta has said it would consider allowing the asylum seekers to return to Indonesia where they are believed to have started their sea voyage, but confusion reigned with the Navy saying it would not allow the boat into Indonesian waters.

The refugees however have made clear their preference for a western country and some have threatened to jump off the ship if an attempt is made to return them to Indonesia.

Three Australian Hercules transports arrived on Christmas Island carrying soldiers and supplies to be taken to the ship.

But Australian authorities were still trying to find a helicopter suitable for landing the supplies aboard the ship, its owners said.

The Navy frigate HMAS Arunta was due to leave the Stirling naval base near the Western Australian capital of Perth late yesterday bound for Christmas Island, but details of its mission were unspecified.

The passengers include 43 children and 22 women, four of whom are pregnant, and Capt. Arne Rinnan reported many were sick, distressed and exhausted amid deteriorating conditions aboard the badly overcrowded ship.

He said 22 of the group had diarrhea, some had scabies and many had stomach problems, adding: "They're starting to get more and more sick.

"Yesterday afternoon they went on a hunger strike. They refused to take food and water, except for the children and four pregnant women."

The ship's owners Wallenius Wilhemsen made an urgent plea to the Australian government on Tuesday for food, medical supplies and a doctor.

Its regional director Peter Dexter warned time was running out for the passengers and said the company had appealed to the Australian, Norwegian and Indonesian governments to work together to solve the crisis. *AFP*

WHO urges urgent action against dengue

MANILA—The World Health Organization yesterday issued a call for urgent action after outbreaks of dengue fever in the south Pacific and south east Asia which have killed 189 people this year.

The UN agency's Asia-Pacific office said a total of 46,456 cases had been registered in the region in 2001, the highest incidence of the mosquito-born region.

In the whole of last year there were 167 deaths from 45,603 reported cases across the Asia-Pacific region.

The hardest hit countries have been Cambodia, which has reported 90 deaths from 4,163 cases so far this year followed by the Philippines with 67 from 7,697 cases.

Vietnam, which was not covered by the WHO report, said last week 44 people had died of the disease this year.

"Levels seen so far in 2001 have been below those seen in 1998 but are higher than in 1999 and 2000, which gives rise for concern," the WHO said in a statement.

The UN agency urged all tropical countries in the Asia-Pacific to step up surveillance to detect potential outbreak areas quickly, and to implement epidemic control measures.

"Vector control measures aimed at eliminating mosquito breeding sites should begin in outbreak-prone areas early. They offer the best means of both preventing outbreaks and reducing the severity of outbreaks when they do occur," it added. *AFP*

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Naga workers rally for ₱125 wage increase

BY JUAN ESCANDOR JR.
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NAGA CITY—About 300 workers staged a march-rally in front of the Department of Labor and Employment provincial office here yesterday to press their demand for a P125 increase in daily wage.

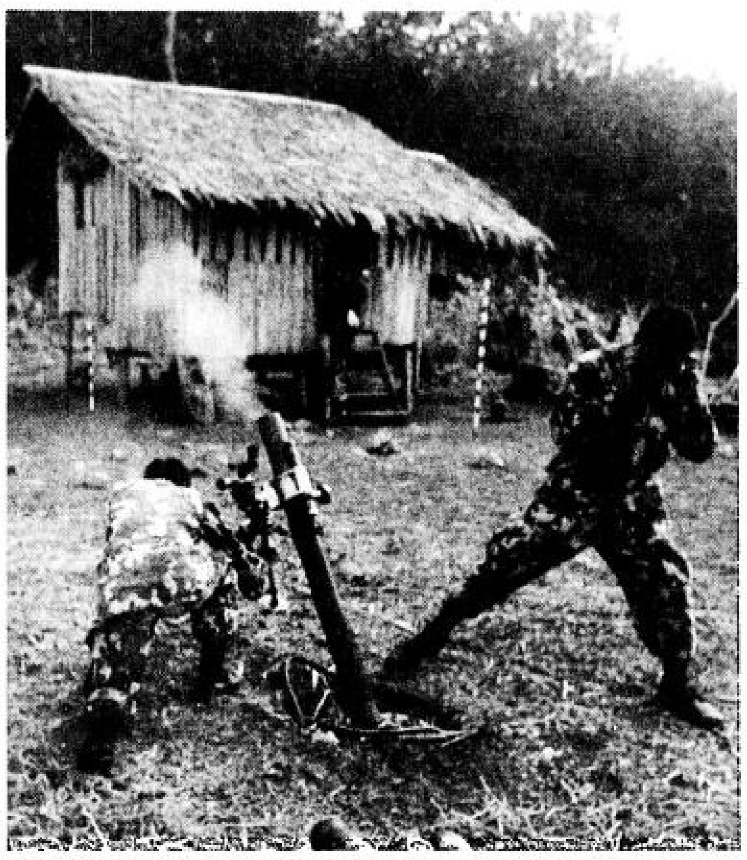
Mar Regachuelo, spokesperson of the Kilusang Mayo Uno in Bicol, said the rally aimed to support the bill filed in Congress by party-list Representatives Crispin Beltran, Liza Maza and Satur Ocampo (Bayan Muna).

Regachuelo said the KMU was also pushing for the implementation of an order issued by Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas, prohibiting "labor-only contracting."

The labor center is also seeking the abolition of the Regional Tripartite Wage and Productivity Board, saying it has not served its purpose and labor representatives have failed to protect workers' interests.

At present, the minimum wage is P182, including P20 cost-of-living allowance.

Regachuelo said that based on the real peso value of P0.62, the actual value of the wage received by an ordinary Bicolano worker is P111.02.



TARGET: ABU SAYYAF CHARLIE SACEDA

Members of the Philippine Marines fire mortar bombs at suspected hiding places of the Abu Sayyaf hostage-takers in Sumisip town in Basilan.

Funds for canal project awaited

CAMP OLIVAS, Pampanga—The national government has not yet released funds for the P2.3-million Mt. Pinatubo canal project, Mayor Roger Yap of Botolan in Zambales said on Tuesday.

At least 96 Aetas constructing the trench on top of the 1,400-meter volcano have also expressed uncertainties over the non-payment of their wages, pegged at P250 daily.

The Aeta workers and two engineers of the Department of Public Works and Highways have put their lives at stake at the top of the summit, braving the elements and racing against time to build a trench that will spare the lives of 46,000 Botolan residents from an impending disaster.

Reached through a two-way radio system installed at the peak, the Aeta workers' leader Willy Bulanhigan inquired when the government funds would come.

He said his fellow tribesmen were worried about the families they left behind in five upland villages of Botolan.

Only a few have managed to get advance payments of P1,000 each. According to Bulanhigan, this amount was not enough for the daily needs of their families while the laborers were away working on the trench for 22 days.

Even amid intermittent rains, the Aetas have begun constructing the four-meter high, four-meter wide and 100-meter long canal since Sunday or three days after reaching the peak.

To date, they have scraped some 200 cubic meters of loose soil below the Maraunot notch, the crater's lowest rim and where the canal is being built to ease the pressure on the near-filled crater-lake.

"Meantime, we have been using borrowed funds to get the construction going," Yap told the INQUIRER in a phone interview from Botolan.

Yap said he committed to do that so the canal will be completed before the 250 million cubic meters of water on the crater-lake exceed the level of the notch.

Rains and landslides on the crater wall have sent the 250 million cu. m. of water rising to less than four meters below the notch during the last two weeks, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said.

DPWH Assistant Secretary Florante Soriquez said his agency had asked the National Disaster Coordinating Council, a body under the Office of the President, to allocate funds for the project.

Soriquez said Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes, who is also NDCC chair, has suggested using the DPWH funds that, to date, amount to only P47 million. ***Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

Police round up street children

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—Police have started rounding up street children in an effort to curb the growing number of minors roaming around the city's main thoroughfares and red light districts, even during the wee hours of the morning.

At least 16 street children were picked up on Sunday night and placed under police custody.

Supt. Conrado Laza, city police director, told reporters that the campaign was in compliance with an order earlier issued by Mayor Pedro Acharon Jr. to implement an ordinance imposing curfew hours on minors.

Under the ordinance, minors are prohibited from going out or roaming around the city after 10 p.m., unless they are in the company of their parents.

Last week, the city's social welfare office disclosed that more than 200 minors had contacted sexually transmitted diseases and expressed alarm over the increasing number of those afflicted.

Laza said the police operation was also part of a crime prevention campaign, as well as efforts for the rehabilitation of delinquent minors.

Last week, a 13-year-old member of the "Tunog" (Dew) Gang, was stabbed and bludgeoned dead by fellow gang members at the oval plaza.

The victim was identified as Jake Aresgado.

The gang members were also implicated in several crimes like rape and robbery.

"By rounding them (street children) up, we could minimize incidents involving minors," Laza said.

But while the need to contain or prevent juvenile delinquency has become one of the priorities of the police, Laza said the city government was in a dilemma over how to meet the basic needs of the apprehended minors while in police custody.

Police officials also did not have a place where the minors can stay.

The social welfare office, through the help of the private RD Foundation, is planning to convert the old city jail building into a drop-in center for street children. ***Aquiles Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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SOURCE: PAGASA

Metro Manila	Cloudy with rains	HI 31° Lo 24°
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Zamboanga	Cloudy with rains	HI 33° Lo 24°
Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with rains	HI 34° Lo 24°
Davao	Cloudy with rains	HI 32° Lo 26°

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ROUNDUP

Posthumous award

BAGUIO CITY—The Office of Civil Defense will confer a posthumous award on Barangay Chair Josephine Albon for her exemplary performance in quick disaster response. Albon, chair of Barangay Pinsao Proper here, was buried in a landslide while trying to save a resident in her village at the height of Typhoon "Feria" on July 4. Retired Maj. Gen. Melchor Rosales, OCD chief, said the award would be given in a ceremony in Malacañang on Sept. 18.

Jovelyn Reyes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

7 more missing

BANGUED, Abra—More than a month after Typhoon "Feria" struck, at least seven more residents of Barangay Cabuluan here have remained missing and are feared dead. Relatives of the victims have almost given up their search after going as far as Sta. Maria, Ilocos Sur, to identify unearthed bodies but in vain. The missing residents belonged to the Regonton and Saura families. "We wanted to just call a priest to pronounce blessings upon their washed out houses or in the places where they were assumed to have drowned," a resident said.

Artha Kira Paredes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Puerto Princesa tourism

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—The city government will intensify marketing and promotion efforts to enliven its ailing tourism industry. Mayor Dennis Socrates said he believed that the Dos Palmas incident would never again occur. He asked the city council to provide a bigger budget next year for the development of other tourist attractions in the city. The mayor also announced the inclusion of the St. Paul Limestone Rock Formation in the subterranean river, which will be declared a national geological monument.

Ruelle Albert Castro, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Parish joins recycling

VICTORIA, Laguna—Members of the La Resurreccion Parish here have joined the environment-friendly recycling campaign of the INQUIRER by bringing their old newspapers to the parish church. Fr. Romy Ponte, parish priest, urged the people during Masses at the parish church and in the villages to support the drive to help ease the problem of garbage in the community. Although some people said they needed the old newspapers for their poultry or duck farms, many parishioners have responded to the call. "Whatever money is raised from the sale would go to funds intended for the real beggars, destitute and handicapped," Ponte said.

PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Land claimants assail DAR

DAVAO CITY—Land claimants of the Davao Penal Colony (Dapecol) assailed the recent decision of the Department of Agrarian Reform that only commercial plantation workers would qualify as beneficiaries of government property under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program. The DAR order, according to the Davao Settlers Association Inc., would only benefit members of the Solidarity of Landless Workers of Davao, the Tadeco Laborers' Union and the Ugnayan ng mga Nagkakaisang Organisasyon sa Kanayunan. The Dapecol property is owned by the Department of Justice and is under a joint venture agreement with the Tagum Agricultural Development Co. Several groups are petitioning the government to allow them to own the property.

Joselle Badilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Army, NPA trade raps

CATEEL, Davao Oriental—The commander of the Philippine Army's 8th Special Forces Battalion has accused communist rebels of killing two persons in Baganga town on Aug. 12.

Killed were Joseph Luna, 18, and Delfin Roli, 19, both of Barangay Lambajon, Baganga, who the rebels believed were spies. Maj. Alexis Copico, battalion head, said the rebels raided several villages in Caraga and Baganga towns and took the residents' farm animals. Roel Agustin III, spokesperson of the New People's Army's Conrado Herredia Command, countered by saying drunken Army men had terrorized residents of Barangay Malibago in Cateel town and had mauled Antonio Contur, a resident of Compostela Valley.

Ferdinand Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau

More boys to school

BISHOP Francisco Claver of the Lagawe-Bontoc Diocese encouraged the education of more boys to help in maintaining peace and order and people's discipline in the new millennium, according to a report reaching the INQUIRER. Claver was the guest speaker during the golden jubilee of the Mayoyao Assumption Academy in Mayoyao, Ifugao, on Aug. 15. According to the report, Claver said more girls were enrolled than boys in Ifugao and even in Mindanao and Manila.

Suspected rebels kill 2

HAGONOY, Bulacan—Two men were gunned down by suspected communist assassins in separate incidents on Monday and on Aug. 24. Police said Carlos Galang, brother of a dzRB radio broadcaster, was shot dead in front of his house in Barangay San Juan here on Monday. Reports said Galang, who was out on bail on charges of drug pushing, was shot by three armed men. On Aug. 24, Constantino Manansala, 65, a farmer of Barangay San Pascual here, was shot dead by three men inside his house. Manansala's children said their father recognized the assassins as they heard him say "*Kayo pala* (So, it's you)" before he was shot.

Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Bacolod diocese to ask SC to repeal Mt. Kanlaon law

BACOLOD CITY—The Diocese of Bacolod is bringing to the Supreme Court its battle against the entry of the Philippine National Oil Corp. into the Mt. Kanlaon Natural Park (MKNP).

Fr. Armand Onion of the Bacolod Diocese said his group was filing a petition to seek the repeal of the law creating the 169-hectare buffer zone within the MKNP, which is open for geothermal exploration.

He said another petition for injunction would be filed to prevent the entry of the PNOC into the MKNP.

The diocese has been spearheading protests against the presence of the PNOC in the Kanlaon buffer zone.

On Monday, about 10,000 persons, mostly students from Catholic schools, attended a rally initiated by the diocese at the city plaza.

Among those present were Bacolod Rep. Monico Puentevella and Mayor Luzviminda Valdez.

Bishop Vicente Navarra said the large turnout indicated that many people were convinced of the need to protect the MKNP.

"We should remain steadfast and united in our demand to stop the geothermal project in Kanlaon," he told the crowd.

"It is but proper that the church lead the people in expressing legitimate sentiments against this project, which we believe is a grave threat to our ecology and safety of our people," he added.

The PNOC plans to build wells inside the buffer zone of the national park to draw steam for a 40-megawatt power plant that it will build in Barangay Mailum, Bago City, about 21.5 kilometers south of here.

Environment groups have opposed the PNOC's entry, citing one of the last remaining forests in Negros Occidental inside the MKNP.

The park, one of the few surviving national parks in the country, is home to near-extinct flora and fauna.

Environment groups said many centuries-old trees would have to be cut once the PNOC builds roads leading to the geothermal wells.

Delia Locsin, a member of the MKNP Protected Area Management Board, said that based on a Department of Environment and Natural Resources report dated Dec. 5, 2000, about 95 percent of the area where the PNOC plans to explore is planted to centuries-old trees.

The report also showed that some tree species, considered endangered, are in the PNOC exploration area.

Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau

Gapan now fifth city of N. Ecija

CABANATUAN CITY—Residents of Gapan, Nueva Ecija ratified the cityhood bid of their town in a plebiscite Saturday, making their place the fifth city of the province.

The City of Gapan was officially born Saturday after the 33,048 yes votes were tallied. Only 3,996 voters rejected the cityhood bid.

Emily Padilla, chief of staff of Nueva Ecija Rep. Raul Villareal, said 70 percent of the 47,144 voters in Gapan participated in the plebiscite.

Only last December, the Science City of Muñoz was created after voters of the former Muñoz town voted overwhelmingly for the ratification of the law converting it into a city.

The other component cities of Nueva Ecija are the capital Palayan, Cabanatuan and San Jose.

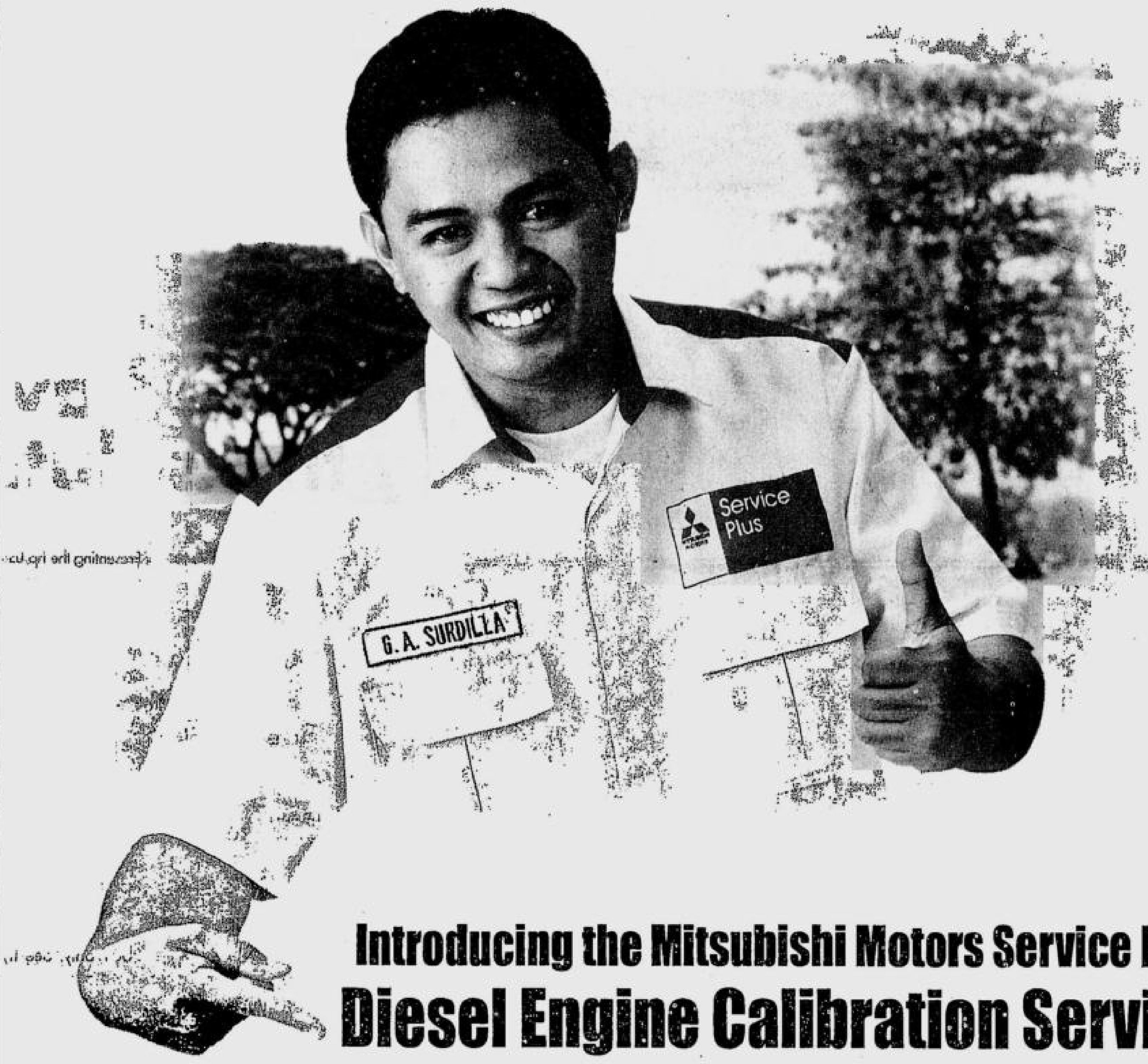
Former Rep. Julita Villareal authored the bill calling for the conversion of Gapan into a city, while Sen. Sergio Osmeña III sponsored the bill in the Senate.

President Macapagal-Arroyo signed Republic Act No. 9022 on March 5 that authorized the conversion of Gapan into a city.

Mayor Ernesto Natividad said the income of Gapan was expected to increase because of the bigger internal revenue allotment that it will receive next year.

Gapan is 96 km from Manila.

Anselmo Roque, PDI Central Luzon Desk



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Learning Feria's lessons the hard way

BY CRISTINA ARZADON
Ilocos Norte

THIS vast field of stones had been a source of livelihood to the villagers of Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte until the government banned pebble picking activities there.

YOUNG children help their parents gather pebbles from the shore.

PHOTOS BY CRISTINA ARZADON

TYPHOON "Feria" has left lessons for men to learn the hard way. The lessons are fairly obvious. You screw the environment and you are screwed, so to speak.

Feria's curse, however, has hurt mostly the ordinary communities that take much from nature's bounty to keep a living.

Take the case of pebble pickers in the seaside town of Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte, whose lives have been disrupted for at least a year when they were barred from taking to the shores to gather stones.

The prohibition stemmed from complaints of over-extraction of beach materials. The ban had since been lifted early this year and corrective measures imposed on the gatherers to ease whatever threat their livelihood posed to the environment.

But no sooner than the community started to pick up their lives, Feria struck, leaving immeasurable devastation no other typhoon did in the past decades.

Those who leafed through the newspapers' pages in July would be able to appreciate Feria's impact across the country. Telltale signs of the typhoon are still etched in the people's minds even when life has moved on.

But to the pebble pickers of Pasuquin, life is nowhere in sight.

Indefinite closure

Due to Feria's wrath, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources has recommended the indefinite closure of the seaside village of Caruan to pebble gathering to allow the replenishment of beach materials that were washed away by strong waves.

Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez issued the memorandum on July 26, noting of the destruction Feria wrought in the coastal areas of Pasuquin.

At the height of the typhoon, hundreds of families living near the shoreline evacuated when tidal waves gobbled up their houses.

Alvarez also ordered a study on the sustainability of the pebble picking activity vis-a-vis the susceptibility of shorelines to degradation due to typhoons.

To the pebble pickers in Pasuquin, the DENR order is naturally another disaster that no amount of quick relief can ease.

Three long decades of pebble picking for the seaside residents of the mineral-rich town have brought a steady source of income to tide their families over and send their children to school.

What benefit they could not get from the rich mineral deposits that made mining companies rich they gained from the pebbles that swamp their shores.

Pasuquin is considered a gold mine because of abundant mineral reserves, mainly limestone, feldspar, silica and pebbles. But the biggest recipients of these mineral resources are the mining firms whose operators, ironically, come from neighboring towns.

At least four operators have been mining the mountains of the town for the longest time, proof of which are patches of barren forests that can be viewed even from the highways. The environmental consequences of which had already caught up with the residents in no time.

But ordinary Pasuquin folk remain dirt-poor.

Since they don't have the tools or equipment to extract deposits, the residents have dwelled on their own find—a vast field of pebbles along the shores.

"God has blessed us so much with natural resources. But unlike the miners, we don't have to use destructive tools to scour the earth. Here, we use our bare hands to earn a living," Emmanuel Caliwliw, a pebble picker for 20 years, says.

And unlike the mining companies, the residents need not invest in equipment to produce what they need. With several decrepit containers and a little exposure to the sun, collecting pebbles is enough for the family's upkeep the whole year round.

According to the residents, they are allowed to gather some 4.2 metric tons of pebbles equivalent to at least 200 cans a day. The limit is not often reached because gathering stops as soon as they have enough cash to meet the household's needs for the day.

Family livelihood

The stones are stockpiled and sold in bulk. A big can of small stones fetches a price of P50 while the bigger ones are cheaper. Villagers are more often out in the beach after the heavy rains when much of the stones are washed down from the mountains.

During summer (considered lean months since stone deposits are scarce), the residents convert the shores into salt beds for salt making, another source of livelihood for the town.

A major livelihood activity, pebble gathering is considered a family enterprise. Most of the grown family members, from parents down to school-age children, are into picking stones, which are commonly sold in big milk cans, cooking oil containers or sacks, depending on what the buyer needs. The pebbles are sorted according to size and color to fetch a higher price.

Gilbert Paino, 36, says they rely on the income they get from picking pebbles for their daily needs since they could not earn much from fishing or tilling farms.

"We do not own the lands that we cultivate. We don't have our own fishing boats. We know nothing else to raise our families," Paino, who earns part time as garlic planter, says.

"With four container-full of pebbles, we can get as much as P200 to buy our needs."

Colored stones in small and medium sizes abound in the seaside village of Caruan. These are actually rock deposits and mining overburden washed down from the mountains to the seabed during the rainy days.

The overburden (sediments deposited in catch basins which are eventually washed down) of mining companies mixes with the earth-colored stones when they cascade the mountains.

The stone deposits are then shoved ashore by waves covering kilometers-long coastline, ready for the picking.

Cooperative

The stones are variably used for backyard landscaping, gardening or as raw materials for construction.

The DENR said local gatherers counted business firms from Metro Manila, Bulacan and Tarlac as their regular buyers. Some stones have been shipped outside the country and turned into paperweights by manufacturers.

The livelihood began in the 1970s. The villagers eventually banded together and formalized their group into a cooperative.

The Caruan Pebble Pickers Multipurpose Cooperative serves as a drop-off point for pebbles gathered by its members. It has a makeshift store by the roadside where pebbles collected are sold in bulk to regular buyers.

As a cooperative, members can avail themselves of "emergency loans" in cash when a family member gets sick or when they run out of money to buy food for the day. At the end of the year, the members also get an equal share from the profits the cooperative had chalked up.

In turn, the cooperative charges every member P150 in annual dues. It has about 160 members out of the more than 500 households engaged in pebble gathering in the village.

"We just run to the shores and gather pebbles when we run out of cash for the children's allowance. The cooperative will then give us money," Caliwliw says.

The residents are proud to say they earned their own upkeep for decades without depending on any government dole-out because of the income derived from collecting pebbles.

"We do not bother our local officials for support. We even contribute some amount for our day-care centers regularly," Caliwliw beams.

Aside from the small amount it channels to its day care facility, the cooperative allocates a portion of its savings to town representatives when they need donations for barangay fiestas or burials.

Lives rolled to a halt for Caruan residents last year after the provincial government suspended stone picking.

The ban took effect in September when Ilocos Norte Gov. Ferdinand Marcos Jr. issued a memorandum suspending the permits to gather and transport pebbles and other mineral products in Pasuquin. Marcos cited complaints of abuse by gatherers and other government agencies.

The pickers admitted that noncooperative members from nearby villages have found their way into the shores and collected pebbles, disregarding regulations provided for in the permits granted to regular members.

"But how can we dissuade them? We all have equal access to resources provided by nature," Caliwliw says.

Initially, the DENR delineated some areas where picking is allowed. A section of the shoreline near the roadside has been designated critical areas where pebble picking is restricted.

But members of the cooperative lamented that while the ban appeared to cover all gatherers of mineral products, other mining firms reportedly continued to extract silica and sand and gravel from other sources.

"We have seen a mining company extracting sand and gravel along our shores. Why were those people spared from the ban?" asks Renato Aguba, the cooperative chair.

Oldest vocational school in Asia facing oblivion

BY TONETTE OREJAS
Pampanga

IT survived two revolutions, World War II, two fires, and Mt. Pinatubo's 1991 eruptions and lahar ram pages. Its graduates, largely coming from the ranks of the poor, rose to become leaders in arts and literature, education, business, industry and government—among them the late President Diosdado Macapagal.

However, the Don Honorio Ventura College of Arts and Trades (DHVCAT) in Bacolor, Pampanga, said to be the oldest vocational school in the Philippines and Asia, is facing oblivion.

The 139-year-old school, chartered twice by Congress, is going to lose its entity and contributions to education and history when it is integrated with the Pampanga Agricultural Colleges, DHVCAT president Ernesto Nicdao said.

Pampanga Rep. Francis Nepomuceno, the proponent of the plan, seeks to name the integrated colleges as the Diosdado Macapagal State University.

Nicdao said it was the late President, dubbed the Poor Boy from Lubao, who in 1964 renamed DHVCAT in memory of the man who sent him and many indigents through school.

He said teachers, administrative personnel, students, parents and alumni of DHVCAT as well as local officials have taken their cause to Congress and to President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Opposition

In a resolution dated July 17, they urged the President to consider the opposition of the DHVCAT community.

The college's board of trustees disagreed with the plan during a July 30 meeting.

Pampanga Rep. Oscar Rodriguez is defending the pioneering efforts of the college through a bill converting it into the Don Honorio Ventura Technological State University.

Rodriguez is continuing the efforts of former Pampanga Rep. Andrea Domingo in 1993 to convert the DHVCAT into a state university.

"Pampanga is the largest province in Central Luzon, but it is the only one that does not have a state university," he said.

In his bill, Rodriguez said a state university in Pampanga will lessen the financial burden of parents of students who wish to avail themselves of high quality education without going to universities in Metro Manila.

Enrique Guanlao, president of the 188-strong DHVCAT Faculty Association, said they want a status quo. Integration, he said, is "not the solution to government's dwindling subsidy."

Guanlao said the PAC should focus on offering agriculture courses while the DHVCAT should concentrate on technological courses to help Pampanga and the rest of Central Luzon cope with the educational requirements of development.

"We will have to walk our own line, complement," Guanlao said.

Nicdao said the integration of colleges appeared not to be working. He cited the case of the Western Luzon Agricultural Colleges and the Ramon Magsaysay Polytechnic College in Zambales.

Three years after integrating in 1997, teachers in what is now the Ramon Magsaysay Technological University are clamoring for a return to the independent setup due to administrative conflicts.

Swamped by lahar

Although its nine-hectare campus in Bacolor was swamped by lahar starting 1991 and despite diminishing state subsidy, the DHVCAT never closed.

Its enrolment in high school, vocational, degree and graduate courses has increased since 1991. Almost 50 percent of its enrollees are victims of Pinatubo's eruptions who travel daily to Bacolor from resettlement sites dispersed all over Pampanga.

The school, founded by Augustinian Friar Juan Zita and civic leader Don Felino Gil on Nov. 4, 1861, is also a repository of the country's history.

It served as the barracks of the *voluntarios* (Filipino soldiers in the Spanish Army) in 1896. It was the *maestranza* (where bullets and cannon balls were manufactured) in 1897.

Filipino revolutionaries, led by Guillermo Tolentino, attacked and claimed it in 1898. It was where the Taft Commission deliberated on the proclamation of Ceferino Joven, a native of Bacolor, as the first civil governor of Pampanga in 1901.

It served as the provincial capitol of Pampanga when Bacolor was the capital of Pampanga.

It was the main camp of the Japanese Imperial Army from 1941 to 1944. It was an ordnance center of the United States Army in 1945.

Ravaged by fire in 1897, the school was rebuilt on the voluntary contributions of Bacolor residents. The US government restored it right after the war in 1946.

Razed by fire again in 1957, it was reconstructed through the efforts of then Vice President Diosdado Macapagal.

In 1991 when the eruptions and lahar flows rendered Bacolor a ghost town, teachers did not abandon DHVCAT, immediately wanting it to signal the recovery of the town and Pampanga.

"We never left it. Why should we leave it now that Bacolor has recovered and more residents are returning?" said teacher Adoracion Rubio.

To date, Bacolor is what to geologists a rare example of village that has risen from a volcanic eruption.

Nicdao said in integrating the DHVCAT with the PAC "Congress will not only be destroying an educational institution but a national historical landmark."

Kidnap victim from Xiamen may testify vs Ping–Rosebud

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tain whether the boy would be present at the hearing—the third thus far conducted by the Senate public order, national defense and blue ribbon committees.

Ong, who was a narcotics undercover agent from 1993 until her exposé on Lacson in November 2000, claims personal knowledge of the alleged kidnapping and killing of five Chinese nationals by Lacson and his men.

She said the five—Zeng Jia Xuan, Hong Zhen Quiao, Lui Yao Wu, Sin Ho, Wong Kam Chong and Hiu Ming—were all drug traffickers belonging to the Hong Kong triad and operating in the Philippines.

Lawyer Argee Guevarra said last night that Ador Mawanay had been stricken with acute gastroenteritis and was expected to be confined in a hospital because of dehydration. But he said Mawanay assured him that he will try his best to make it to today's hearing at the Senate.

Col. Victor Corpus, chief of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, had asked Ong to cut short her "mission" in Xiamen to testify before the Senate today.

Ong said she would also testify on businessman Kim Wong's alleged illegal activities if asked to do so. She said Wong and Lacson were partners in drug trafficking.

Another witness, Indian national Danny Devnani, is set to disclose today how "evil people work in our society," as he promised the Senate last week.

"I will go there to tell the truth. They will be surprised at what they will hear from me," Devnani told the INQUIRER yesterday in a phone interview. "I'll just pray that God will help me fight off the efforts of those out to discredit my statements."

In a separate phone interview, Devnani's lawyer Leonard de Vera said he would submit a sworn statement detailing the alleged high crimes perpetrated by Lacson, deposed President Joseph Estrada and their close associates, including Estrada son Jinggoy and businessman Charlie "Atong" Ang.

"We are now preparing Mr. Devnani's sworn statement for submission to the Senate," De Vera said. "It will cover all matters which Mr. Devnani mentioned in his prepared statement Thursday before the Senate."

In that three-page handwritten statement, Devnani implicated Lacson and Estrada in the kidnapping for ransom, drug trafficking, and armed robbery undertaken by the Kuratong Baleleng gang, the disappearance of former casino employee Edgar Bentain, and high-stakes gambling.

Barbers said the others invited to testify were former Tourism Secretary Antonio Gonzalez, Chief Supt. Avelino Razon and Edgardo Aglipay, former National Capital Region police chief.

They will supposedly speak on Wong's alleged involvement in the illegal drug trade.

"We expect more direct and detailed revelations," Barbers said.

Asset

Ong said Lacson recruited her in 1993 as an "asset" primarily assigned to penetrate and provide vital information on the suspected drug-trafficking operations of certain Chinese-Filipinos.

She also supposedly served as translator of recorded phone conversations detailing the Hong Kong triad operations.

According to Ong, the five Chinese nationals were targets of Lacson and his men's "Oplan Cyclops," which involved surveillance, wiretapping and kidnapping operations.

She said Lacson ordered the arrest of the five and seized from them 200 kilos of *shabu* (methamphetamine hydrochloride) that were later "recycled" and sold locally.

Ong claimed that Oplan Cyclops was put in operation in February 1999 and initially targeted Wong Kam Chong for kidnapping.

She said Chong paid P20 million for his release but was still murdered upon Lacson's orders.

In Devnani's statement on Thursday, he also named the following as Lacson and Estrada's alleged associates in crime: policeman Edwardo Villanueva alias Edy Boy, Kuratong Baleleng leader Renato Parohinog alias Mike, the late Kuratong Baleleng sub-leader Jovel Arnan, ex-cop Quintin Llorente alias Totoy, Senior Supt. Ricardo Dapat of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group of the Philippine National Police, and former casino boss Butch Tenorio.

He also told the senators that he might be able to convince kidnapping victims to come forward and testify.

De Vera, however, declined to say whether Devnani had done so. "I cannot give that information right now," he said.

Confidence

Isafp chief Corpus had earlier accused Lacson of involvement in organized crime, including money laundering.

Despite the brickbats thrown his way by some senators in previous hearings, Corpus yesterday said he was hopeful that the Senate investigation would eventually expose Lacson's supposed crimes. "I am confident that the Senate will succeed in ferreting out the truth," he said.

But Corpus noted that the Senate was only one of two arenas where Lacson could be made to account for his alleged crimes, the other being the courts.

Corpus said the government was elevating before the Supreme Court a decision issued by the Court of Appeals stopping the prosecution of Lacson and other co-accused in the Kuratong Baleleng "rubout" case of 1995.

He said that despite temporary restraining orders, government lawyers had previously filed charges against Lacson and his men at the defunct Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force in connection with the kidnapping of Chinese nationals.

Charges will also be filed against Lacson for having accepted and used mobile phones provided by Wong, Corpus said. Other charges are being prepared by the PNP against Lacson in connection with the recent seizure of bugging equipment previously used by the PAOCTF.

"We will bring our evidence and witnesses to all of these before the Department of Justice, which is the appropriate agency to file cases against Lacson," Corpus said.

No-show

For the third time in a row, Lacson will not face his accusers at the Senate.

"I heard they're going to present another crazy (sonofagun)," Lacson told reporters in reference to a certain "Mar," an alleged ex-civilian agent of the PAOCTF who would supposedly confirm the statements of witness Angelo "Ador" Mawanay.

Lacson insisted that Mar was not a former PAOCTF agent, and that he had never met the man.

"They only claim that I know them," he said of the witnesses earlier presented. He challenged Corpus' camp to present someone he knew next time.

Asked when he was going to face his accusers, as he had promised to do, Lacson said he would wait until they could present better proof of their charges.

"If they can show exciting evidence worth responding to, then I will attend (the hearings)," he said. "But why will I waste my time confronting witnesses who cannot show anything apart from that which they already related to the media?"

Two of Lacson's colleagues in the opposition, Senators Blas Ople and Teresa Aquino-Oreta, earlier proposed that the hearings be terminated because no solid evidence had been presented in what Oreta described as "storytelling time."

The proposal drew protests from various sectors, as well as assurances from other senators that the hearings would continue.

Senate President Franklin Drilon yesterday assured reporters that the hearings would not be terminated.

But in the future, he said, the chamber would put up measures to strictly screen prospective witnesses.

Cardinal can't recall meeting Danny Devnani

BY NORMAN BORDADORA

MANILA Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin does not recall having received Senate witness Danny Devnani at Villa San Miguel and hearing from him stories about the alleged illegal activities of deposed President Joseph Estrada and Sen. Panfilo Lacson.

"He is saying that he went to meet the Cardinal in 1998. Who can recall a meeting that far back?" Sin's spokesperson, Bishop Socrates Villegas, told reporters Monday night during a preliminary celebration of Sin's 73rd birthday at Villa San Miguel.

Villegas refused to comment on whether the Cardinal would meet with Devnani if the Indian national sought his pastoral support and blessing.

In his surprise appearance Thursday at the Senate hearings on Lacson, Devnani said he had visited Sin to relate what he knew of the supposed criminal activities of Estrada, Lacson, and the other powerful personalities who once met regularly at the then Club 419 in San Juan.

PNP: Evidence for bugs includes Lacson signature

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randum-letter written by Army Lt. Col. Dioscorro Reyes, then the PAOCTF technical division chief. The February 2000 letter recommended the procurement from Armstrack Corp. of the sophisticated spy devices "in line with the thrust against the global problem of drug abuse." Armstrack, majority-owned by Dante Tan of BW fame, is the local distributor of Munich, Germany-based Rhode and Schwarz.

The note, in Lacson's own handwriting, read: "OK. We can use portion of the P.5 billion intel funds."

As a result of these findings, Director General Leandro Mendoza, PNP chief, relieved Senior Supt. Magtanggol Gatdula, who reportedly signed the purchase contract, from his post as chief of the PNP's security agencies and guards supervision division, effective yesterday.

Foreign spies

At the National Bureau of Investigation, Director Reynaldo Wycoco disclosed that several foreign intelligence agencies have offered to conduct an "autopsy" of the bugging and monitoring devices allegedly purchased by the PAOCTF.

"A lot of foreign intelligence firms already expressed their intention to help us in this matter and we are confident that we can get to the bottom of this issue with their assistance," Wycoco said.

The "computer autopsy" could also show if the devices were used in the assassination of labor leader Filemon "Popoy" Lagman and the abduction-slaying of publicist Salvador "Bubby" Dacer and his driver Emmanuel Corbito.

The NBI director declined to name the intelligence services, but said that their "mother countries" are close allies of the Philippines.

"We are coordinating with the foreign firms so we can retrieve the information in the computers," he said. "We hope to find information on when the information was encoded and entered and when it was deleted."

German test

Gualberto said that on March 10, 2000, Lacson led a PAOCTF team to Germany to test the device and finally conclude the purchase. Lacson was accompanied by his close aide, Senior Supt. Michael Ray Aquino, and his deputy, Chief Supt. Francisco Zubia Jr.

An "advance party contingent" had arrived in Germany a day before, consisting of Reyes, Chief Insp. John Lopez, Senior Supt. Magtanggol Gatdula, who signed the purchase contract on behalf of the PAOCTF, and Dean Edgar Ablan and Gertrudes de Leon, Armstrack Corp. president and vice president, respectively.

Ablan and De Leon have confirmed all the transactions that transpired between the PAOCTF and Armstrack. Both said the Germany trip was for the sole purpose of testing and buying the bugging devices.

In April, at the PAOCTF office, Lopez gave the check worth $195,934—equivalent to P7 million at that time—to the Armstrack executives as down payment for the purchase, Gualberto said.

On April 22, 2000, the sophisticated bugging devices arrived and were withdrawn from the customs warehouse by the PAOCTF, led by Superintendents Dennis Agaram and Steve Ludan, he said.

Citing documents, Gualberto said that on May 15, 2000, Superintendents Glenn Dumlao and Agaram led a team of selected PAOCTF operatives who undertook hands-on training on the proper use of the bugging devices at the Armstrack facility in Clark Field in Angeles, Pampanga.

Rhode and Schwarz representatives Erwin Oberbuchner and Hinker Guenter supervised the training and distributed certificates of completion to the participants, Gualberto said.

"Lacson's marginal note and his trip to Germany to test the state-of-the-art bugging device and the seizure of the machines from his former men this month, belied his claims that the PAOCTF did not purchase and use the devices against the perceived enemies of Estrada," Gualberto told the INQUIRER.

Perjury charge

For testifying in December last year at the impeachment trial that the PAOCTF "never bought sophisticated electronic surveillance equipment," Lacson and his men will be charged with perjury, Gualberto said.

Lacson was summoned by the impeachment court following an INQUIRER report that the PAOCTF had placed under surveillance the senator-judges and congressmen-prosecutors, as well as former Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson, PR practitioner Salvador "Buddy" Dacer, members of the United Opposition, and journalists.

Apart from perjury, the other charges the government will file against Lacson and his men include violations of the anti-wiretapping law, malversation of public funds, malversation of public property and violation of the anti-graft and corrupt practices act.

Malversation of public property, Gualberto said, was the use of public property (in this case, the bugging devices purportedly bought out of public funds) "for their own selfish and vested interests."

Ablan, De Leon, and three of Lacson's former PAOCTF men were caught in the act of reselling the bugging devices for P24 million. The devices were seized last week in an "entrapment operation" at the Discovery Suites led by Senior Supt. Reynaldo Berroya, former CIDG chief and now PNP regional director for Central Luzon.

State witness

Ablan and De Leon have since been dropped from the roll of suspects, however, after they signified their intention to testify against the senator, Gualberto said.

Gualberto said the PNP is still finalizing the list of "respondents" or suspects to be included in the charges to be filed with the Ombudsman Friday.

As of yesterday, the list of suspects included Lacson, Aquino, Zubia, Reyes, Lopez, Gatdula, Dumlao, Ludan and Agaram.

Of the former PAOCTF officials, only Gatdula remained active in the police service. The other day, Mendoza dismissed Aquino and Senior Supt. Cesar Mancao from the service, for failure to report for duty.

Local conditions

Gatdula has maintained that the deal to purchase the bugging devices was not consummated because Armstrack failed to comply with its obligations. He added that the machine was "not suitable to local conditions," making the devices a failure.

In an earlier interview, however, Ablan said the PAOCTF even used the devices and brought these inside a Toyota Hi-Ace at the parking lot of the Club Filipino to monitor what was happening while Singson was making his explosive exposé inside Club Filipino in October last year.

He said the electronic bugging device could capture 500 calls simultaneously within a 100-meter and 5-kilometer radius.

He said the PAOCTF "wantonly" used the machine in Metro Manila, even without his presence or a representative from Armstrack, in violation of the contract.

Ablan said PAOCTF officers brought the devices to Armstrack in January "for safekeeping." "They were hot goods because of the impeachment trial," Ablan told reporters last week.

With a report from Jerome Aning

Lacson dares critics to use the devices

BY ARMAND N. NOCUM

SEN. Panfilo Lacson yesterday dared those accusing him of conducting alleged wiretapping activities to test the seized surveillance equipment to see whether it actually works.

Lacson issued the challenge in a bid to deny charges that the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force bought the equipment during Lacson's incumbency as chief of the PNP and of the elite anti-crime group.

He said the recent seizure of the multimillion-peso equipment from supposed PAOCTF agents could have been "staged-managed."

"Why else will they make it appear that it is 'ours' when they know for a fact that it's not," he said in an impromptu news briefing at the Senate.

He said the surveillance "equipment was never bought by PAOCTF because it cannot adapt to local conditions."

"Let's have them tested to see if (they) will work," Lacson said.

Line of sight

Lacson said that when Armstrack, the sole distributor of the bugging equipment, first presented it to them, the supplier made it appear that it could cover up to "500-meter radius."

"When we tested it, it only covered some 50 meters. You have to be in the line of sight," he said. "Then you have to be facing those you are targeting" for eavesdropping.

"If you go to places where many people are using cellular phones, many calls are coming in, you don't know who's talking," he added.

The equipment can only capture calls when they are made using a similar cellular network, such as "Globe to Globe or Smart to Smart." But it does not work for cross calls between different cellular networks or with landlines. In the caller ID feature, for example, what appears is the cell phone's "SIM card," not its number.

"These are the weaknesses of the equipment, thus equipment was never recommended for purchase," he said.

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GO FOR THE GOLD

SEA Games bets exhorted

By Dennis Eroa

SPORTS leaders yesterday exhorted athletes and officials to give their best and keep the country's national flag proudly flying as they compete for honors in the 21st SEA Games slated from Sept. 8-16 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

"The SEAG plays an important role as we prepare for next year's Asian Games in Korea," Carlos Tuason, chair of the Philippine Sports Commission, told yesterday's PSA Forum at the Holiday Inn. "We are going to compete because this event is not an exposure trip.''

A total of 352 athletes and 150 officials will try to improve the country's fifth place in the 1999 Brunei SEA Games.

Echoing Tuason's call for the nationals to go for the golds were Philippine Olympic Committee president Celso Dayrit and former PSC Commissioner now Bacolod Rep. Monico Puentevella, now the head of the Sports and Youth Committee in the House.

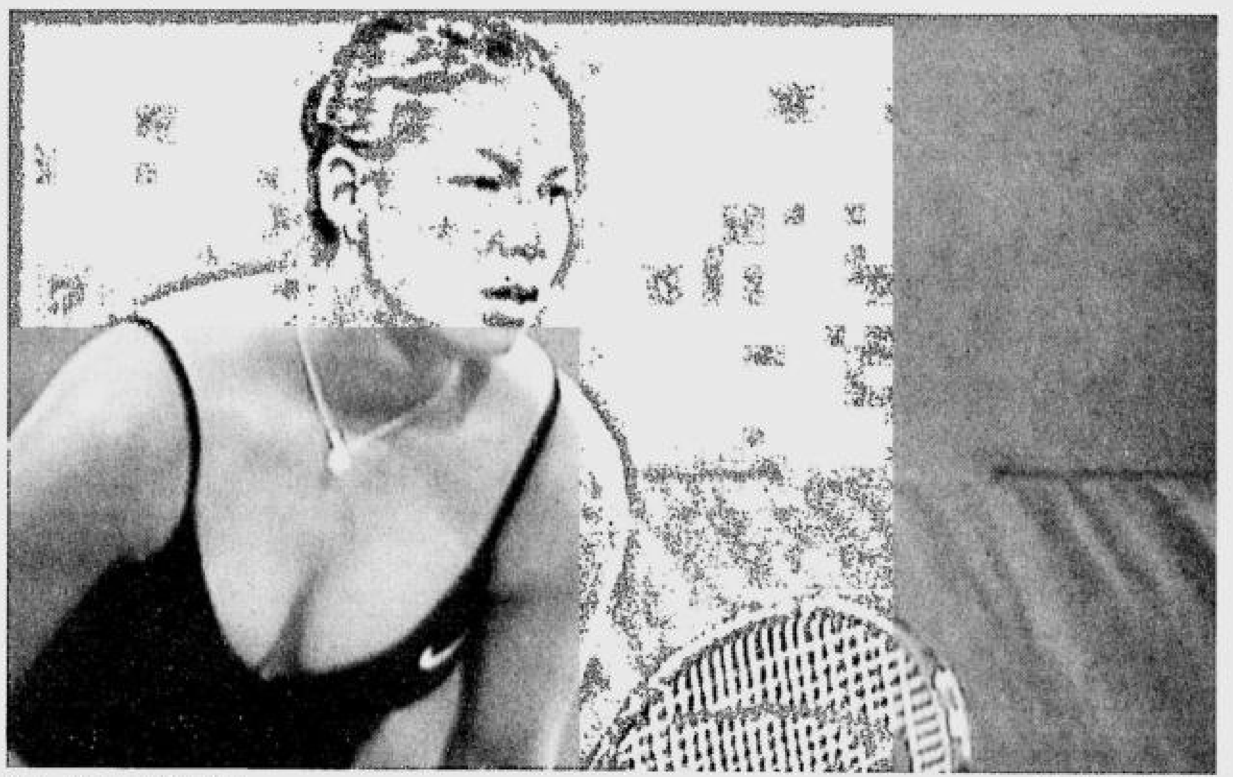
Puentevella, who served for seven years with the PSC, said a good showing in the biennial Games will go a long way in seeking a bigger budget for the PSC next year.

The PSC is seeking a budget of P249 million next year. "I really hope that the House takes a look at our budget. Next year, we'll have the Asian Games. The peso devaluation also affects our expenses and programs," Tuason said.

"After the SEA Games, maybe we can start giving bigger financial assistance to the NSAs where we have bigger chances of winning in the future. That's what the other countries have been doing now," added Tuason.

Despite being a regional competition, Dayrit said the SEA Games should not be considered less important compared to other international meets like the Asiad and the Olympics.

Dayrit expressed confidence that the nationals will deliver the golds in Malaysia.



FIL-AM NETTER

RUFINO GONZALES II

Lilia Osterloh prepares for her shot against Marie Gaiane Mikaelian during their first round match in the US Open in New York on Monday. Osterloh, a Fil-Am netter, won, 6-4, 6-3. Among the big guns who advanced to the second round were defending men's champion Marat Safin, Andre Agassi, Patrick Rafter, Tim Henman, Martina Hingis, Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, Serena Williams and Monica Seles.

Torre, Antonio lift teams

BALANGA City, Bataan—Grandmasters Rogelio "Joey" Antonio and Eugene Torre flashed the form that made them the country's top chess players, leading their respective teams to a 1-2 ranking after five rounds in the 2001 Inter-Provincial Chess Team Championship at the People's Center here.

The 39-year-old Antonio led defending champion Bataan (Governor's Office) to a 3-1 shellacking of Rizal in the fourth round, before his team settled for a 2-2 standoff in the fifth round with the GM Torre-led Mt. Province to climb into a share of the lead with four points with Cavite, which continues to surprise the field with its steady performance.

Torre's Mt. Province team also posted a big win the fourth round, a 3.5-.5 trouncing of Bulacan. After a draw with Bataan in the next round, the highlanders found themselves sharing second spot (3.5) with Laguna, Tarlac, La Union and Zambales (Navy).

Roman tourney

A SIDE event to the ongoing 2001 Inter-Provincial Chess Team Championship will be held today starting at 8 a.m. at the People's Center, Balanga City, Bataan.

The event, dubbed as the Gov. Leonardo "Ding" Roman Open Active Chess Tournament, is open to participants whose teams did not make it to the semifinals of the ongoing team competition, as well as to the residents of Bataan and nearby provinces.

At stake in this one-day, seven-round tournament is a total cash prize of P30,000. The champion will get P8,000, while the second, third and fourth placers will win P6,000, P4,000, P2,000 respectively.

Ong virtual GP champion

SUBIC—Ferdinand Ong of Rota-Speedwelle-Outlast Battery dominated one of two Blaze super saloon races to virtually capture the overall championship in the Petron Grand Prix before a banner crowd at the rain-drenched Subic International Raceway here Sunday.

Undaunted by the challenge of arch rival Kookie Ramirez of Petron-SRA and the rest of the battle-scarred campaigners hounding him, Ong managed to keep his 15-point lead over Ramirez in the overall standings with only two rounds left in this 14-part series organized by Sports Values Inc. in cooperation with Petron.

Overall, Ong has a 12-round aggregate of 70 points against Ramirez's 55 points.

"I'm satisfied with the results of the races, especially keeping my 15-point lead intact going into the final two rounds next weekend. It's just a matter of time now," said Ong, who needs only to finish safely in the next two rounds on Sept. 2 to formally claim the overall title.

Only five drivers—the late Arthur Tuason, Jody Coseteng, George Ramirez, Miguel Ramirez and Pocholo Ramirez—have won the overall title since the revival of this premiere car racing competition in 1994.

Eastborough motocross host

THE EASTBOROUGH Place in Angono, Rizal will be the site of the National Motocross Super Series 2001, which resumes after a two-month break with the sixth and penultimate leg on Sunday, Sept. 2.

More than 70 motocross riders from all over the country, led by last year's winner Glen Aguilar of Caltex and Guam invitational champion Ernie Leongson of Shell-yamaha, are expected to see action in the prestigious event organized by Hartebeest Entertainment Corp. in cooperation with KIDS Foundation.

Aguilar and Leongson head the list of riders vying in the centerpiece pro open and pro 125 categories in this series sponsored by PLDT, WG&A Super Ferry, Smart, Bench, Norkis-Yamaha, Dreambikes, Access Plus, Agua Vida, Transtainer Systems and Seagull Glassworks.

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T'wondo jins ready

MEMBERS of the Petron Philippines Taekwondo team are busy preparing for the much-awaited Southeast Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia which takes place on Sept. 8-16.

The 28-man national squad gets up at 5 a.m. to do two hours of kicking, jogging, stretching and bending.

Four hours training, balanced diet, limited nightouts are the basic routine a determined jin should brace for in order to be a part of the team that represents the Philippines in international competitions like the SEAG.

Self-discipline, control and determination are important. Twenty-two-year-old Margarita Bonifacio, one of the standouts to watch for at the biennial sportsfest, says "anyone interested to get into the sport should be prepared to take pain and pressure because that's the price of being in the sport."

Premier jockey suspended

PREMIER jockey Jesus Guce was meted a 26-racing week suspension for carrying a handicap weight heavier than what he's supposed to load during a race over the weekend at the Santa Ana Park.

The Philippine Racing Club board of stewards penalized Guce when he was found to be carrying 1.2 kilos more than his assigned weight of 52 kg atop Diamond's Dollar in race 7 last Saturday, Aug. 25.

Diamond's Dollar eventually finished fourth in that race won by Materiales Fuertes.

Guce's appeal for reconsideration was turned down as the stewards cited it was a clear violation of racing rules.

Two other jockeys—A.L. Lumagui and C.L. Bating—were suspended for separate violations.

Lumagui got a two-week ban for having an unlicensed helper, while Bating got the same penalty for foul riding.

Philta tilt up

REGISTRATION is ongoing for the Philta Classic IV slated Sept. 15-16 and Sept. 21-23 at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center.

Players may register at the Philta office (tel. no. 525-6434). Deadline of entry is on Sept. 13 at 12 noon to be followed by the draw at 2 p.m.

Events on tap are boys' and girls' 18-under, 16-under, 14-under, 12-under and unisex 10-under categories.

PBA show

"MISSION Impossible: Accomplished" is the title of a TV special featuring the PBA Commissioner's Cup victory of Red-Bull Thunder.

Aired over Viva Television—IBC 13, the special will feature highlights of the games, interviews with coach Yeng Guiao and key players, a feature on Davonn Harp the "Best Player" of the Finals and collection of Red Bull's "Incredi-bull Plays" of the conference plus the post-game celebration.

Hosted by Noli Eala and Quinito Henson, the special will be telecast "live" in a party atmosphere.

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Central				
Houston	75	55	.577	
Chicago Cubs	72	58	.554	3
St. Louis	70	60	.538	5
Milwaukee	57	72	.442	17 1/2
Cincinnati	53	77	.408	22
Pittsburgh	48	81	.372	26 1/2
West				
Arizona	75	54	.581	
San Francisco	72	58	.554	3 1/2
Los Angeles	71	59	.546	4 1/2
San Diego	64	65	.496	11
Colorado	56	73	.434	19

Complete Results
National League

Los Angeles 4, Atlanta 2; San Francisco 6, N.Y. Mets 5; San Diego 8, Florida 3; Philadelphia 3, Arizona 1; Milwaukee 12, Pittsburgh 5. AP

Nat'l swimmers target 11 medals

EIGHT national swimmers will pool their talents to meet an 11-medal target in the 21st SEA Games on Sept. 8-16 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Carlo Piccio, Miguel Mendoza, Miguel Molina and Liza Danila, who are being trained by foreign coaches, head the aspirants.

Japanese Ryuzo Iszhikawa, the Philippine team head coach, said the men's 4 x 200 freestyle relay team should be good for a bronze or silver medal. Iszhikawa admitted, however, that the prospect of clinching the gold isn't bright.

"Target gold, but not easy," he said.

Iszhikawa is pinning his hopes for a gold medal on Danila in the 100-200 backstroke, owing to her stint at the Fina Swimming World Cup in Australia last year.

Piccio will compete in the 400-m individual medley and 1,500 meters, hoping to better his national marks in the two events he set in the Sydney Olympics.

Mendoza, buoyed by the 4:00.66 RP mark he did in Sydney, sees action in the 400-m freestyle.

Molina is based in Japan and was recently added to the team early this month. He now trains at the Ultra and Rizal Memorial pool with Jenny Guerrero, Luica Dacanay, Lynette Ang and Mark Kalaw under Iszhikawa.

Ang will compete in the 100 butterfly and 100 freestyle, Kalaw aims for the silver in the 200-m freestyle and Molina shows his stuff in the 200-m freestyle and 200 IM.

The team started training for the SEA Games in the first week of July. Part of the regimen is a 66,000-meter loading—or the number of meters each swimmer has to complete in a week for stamina and endurance buildup.

Dacanay, the youngest in the team at 15, aims for a bronze in the 200 backstroke and 200 butterfly. She beat Malaysian hotshot Cindy Ong in the 200 fly to amass four golds in the recent 25th Southeast Asia Age Group Swimming Championship in Kuala Lumpur.

"This is my first SEA Games, I just hope the breaks are there for me," Dacanay said.

Guerrero, who also won four golds in the KL age-group meet, vies in the 100-200 breaststroke.

"I'm confident of my swim in the 100-200 breast, yet I know Malaysian Siow Yi Ting is a threat," said Guerrero.

The RP tankers are hoping to pull off a surprise against Singapore and Thailand, which did a 1-2 finish in the KL age-group competition.

Senen Bravo

Bacolod chesser tops north Mindanao leg

TWO Bacolod City entries duelled for the P5,000 top purse in the 2001 Shell National Youth Active Chess Championship-northeastern Mindanao leg.

The seven-round Swiss formal regional championships is co-sponsored by PLDT, Negros Navigation, Solid Shipping Lines Corporation, College Assurance Plan, Dynasty Court hotel-Cagayan de Oro and the Shell-Citibank MasterCard.

University of Negros Occidental-recoletos management sophomore Nelson H. Villanueva, 19, trounced his chess buddy Joseph Navarra in 50 moves of a Quiet Game in the tournament's final round for a 6.5 points output.

Villanueva earned the junior division gold medal, the top cash award and a ticket to the November grand finals.

Eighteen-year-old Jaime Joshua A. Frias, a mass communication junior at Liceo de Cagayan University, took the silver, P4,000 and a finalist's slot.

In the kiddies bracket, high school sophomore John Vincent A. Cayaba booked six wins and draw for 6.5 points to earn the gold, P4,000 and a national finals berth. Silver medalist and co-finalist Kenneth A. Ihalas of Compostela Valley got P3,000.

Six-year-old Brian Jason Mercado was named as the tournament's "Youngest Participant" while Liceo de Cagayan University emerged as the "School Most Represented." The regional elimination tournament drew 174 chess players.

HE'S HERE

Joe Koizumi, the famous Japanese promoter of the world title fight between Filipino challenger Gerry Peñalosa and Japanese Masamori Tokuyama, arrived yesterday to check on the progress of Peñalosa's preparation for the fight set for Sept. 24 in Yokohama, Japan. Koizumi is also a journalist of note. ROGER MARGALLO

Martinez keeps RP bid going

BANGKAPI Mall, Bangkok, Thailand—Lightwelterweight Michelle Martinez remained as the lone Philippine bet in the First Asian Women's Boxing Championships here Monday night.

Martinez, police officer of Camp Crame's Headquarters Support Services, will be the country's lone hope for the gold medal in Wednesday's finals after lightweight Rosie Villarito bowed to China's Wei Qing (16-20) in Monday's semifinals.

Villarito, suffering from asthma, tired easily during her bout against Wei.

Martinez vowed to give her best shot to salvage a gold for the RP team that trained for barely four months.

Rower RP flag-bearer

ROWER Benjie Tolentino has been designated as the Philippines' flag-bearer to the Kuala Lumpur Southeast Asian Games.

Philippine Olympic Committee president Celso Dayrit said the 25-year-old Navy serviceman would lead the RP delegation's march during the opening of the biennial meet in Kuala Lumpur on Sept. 8.

Simultaneously, taekwondo jin Roberto Cruz and wushu's Mark Rosales will also carry the flag in two separate opening ceremonies in Johore Baru and Penang, respectively.

The Games will simultaneously open in three separate venues—Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Johore Baru—justifying the need for three flag-bearers.

"I think Benjie (Tolentino) deserves the privilege owing to his good performance in the Sydney Olympics," said Dayrit.

Tolentino, Cruz and Rosales will tow the 502-strong RP delegation, which will see action in 29 of the 32 events on tap.

The first wave of athletes and officials will leave the country on Sept. 5 headed by the women's football team.

President Arroyo will give the RP contingent send-off party in Malacañang tomorrow.

June Navarro

PBA wants to...

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country would definitely field in professional cagers to the Kuala Lumpur SEAG.

But Dayrit said the International Basketball Federation ban should be lifted first before anything else.

"Definitely, we will send a team composed of professional players. But before we can do that, we must first work on the lifting of the Fiba suspension," he added.

Dayrit said the recent ruling of the Court of Appeals re-installing Gonzalo Puyat as the legitimate BAP president would probably hasten the lifting of the suspension.

Although he declined to name the team of his choice Dayrit said the country must send a team which will make a strong statement in the international basketball scene.

Cusa caging opens Thursday

A DAYLONG festivity, highlighted by a concert and a trade fair, awaits fans when the 7th season of the Colleges and Universities Sports Association (Cusa) kicks off on Thursday at the Araneta Coliseum. Former Philippine Sports Commission chair Philip Juico is the guest of honor in the fiesta-like Cusa opening.

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PBA wants to carry RP colors

By June Navarro

THE PBA Board of Governors has given its blessing to send one of its teams to represent the country in the coming Southeast Asian Games.

A PBA board member, who requested anonymity, said Monday evening that the board met and decided to leave the discretion on which team to send at the hands of the Commissioner's Office.

The source said the league would send a team instead of a selection as time to form a cohesive lineup is fast running out.

He added it would either be Commissioners Cup champion Batang Red Bull or powerhouse San Miguel Beer which would pick up the tab for the national team.

The PBA's commitment was positively met by POC president Celso Dayrit, who yesterday said the

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Coke Go-for-Goal turns 18

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo

SOCCER or football, which is not in vogue in the Philippines unlike basketball, is often called the "universal language" because it is easy to understand and simple to play. From the first recorded international football match between England and Scotland in 1872, it became an instant hit, spreading to the rest of the world and becoming the world's most popular and biggest spectator sport with mammoth following in South America and Europe, the only continents that have produced World Cup champions.

In the Philippines, football has remained alive and kicking and counts with a respectable number of adherents addicted to it. One reason why the sport (and other sports) continue to exist is because of the support from the private sector, from business firms with hearts of gold, from corporations that are more than willing to share and give back to the community what it has given to them.

Coca-Cola is one example.

Aside from being the longest continuous sponsor of the Olympics dating back to the 1928 Amsterdam Games, Coca-Cola is the biggest supporter of other sporting events worldwide, including the popular Coke Go-for-Goal in the Philippines, which is now on its 18th year. The longest-running youth football grassroots program in the country, Coke Go-for-Goal exemplifies good corporate commitment that other companies should emulate. While the under-16 football tournament does not promise instant fame and celebrity status, the young competitors, most of whom come from poor public schools which otherwise could not afford their own sports program, nonetheless give them the chance to play the "greatest game on earth."

"Coke Go-for-Goal is truly the program of the future," said lawyer Rene Adad, former Philippine branch manager of the Coca-Cola Export Corp. and now president of the Philippine Football Federation, which took over the program's administration in 1997, leaving only the planning, funding and publicizing to the Atlanta-based soft drink manufacturer. "It is nothing less than the living symbol of a genuine grassroots development program based on the idea that people even from dramatically diverse backgrounds can stop fighting, play to win and play fair; it is a program that bridges the gap between rich and poor, between a wide variety of ethnic groups."

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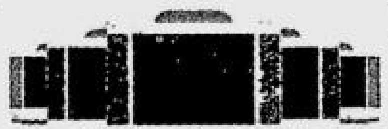

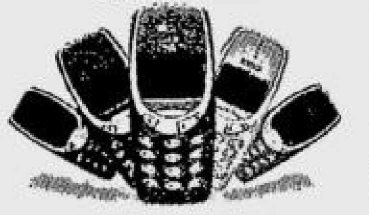

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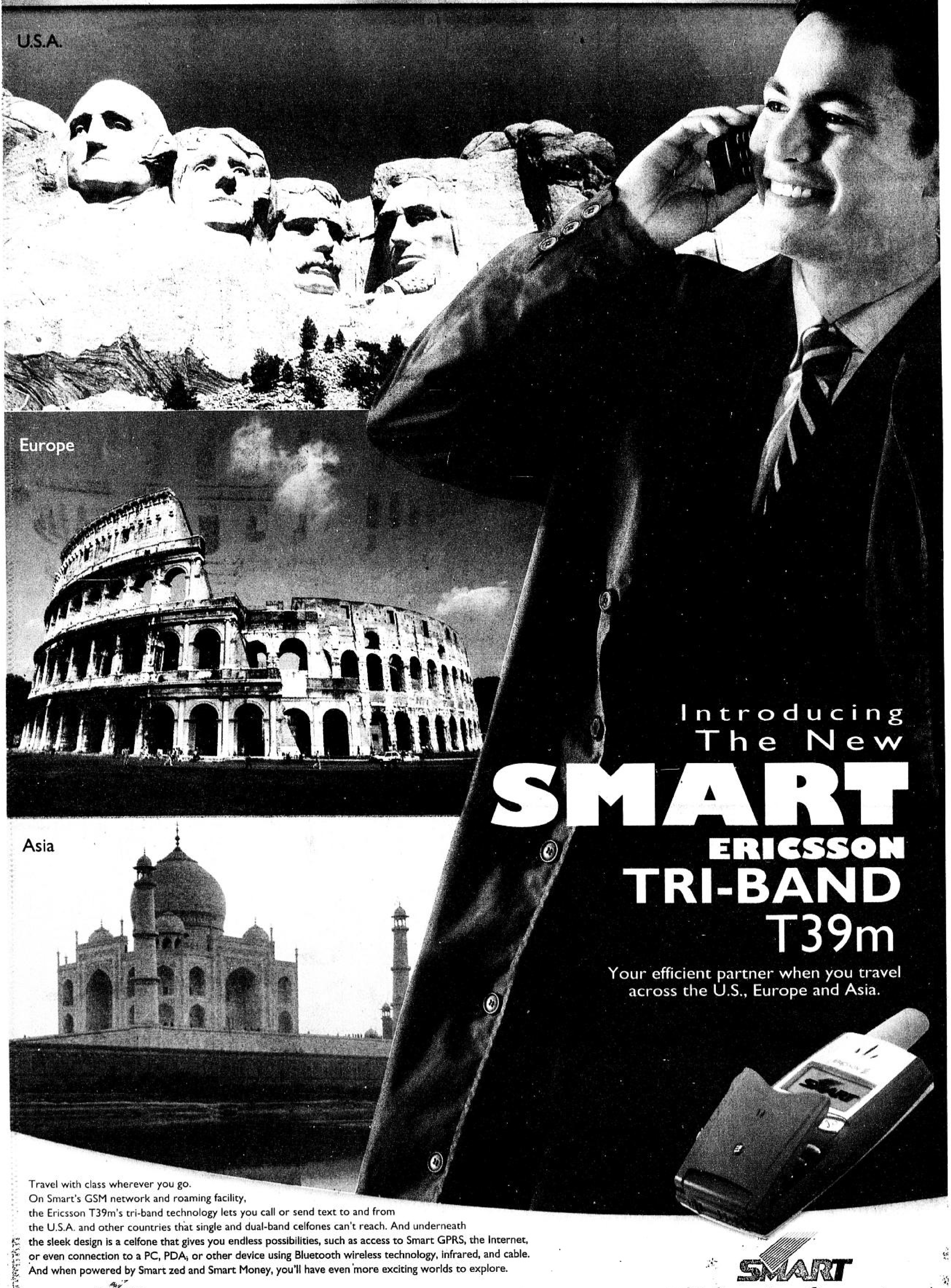

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'Uncollected trash affecting business'

By Agnes Donato

NOT only households in San Juan town but also business establishments are up in arms as uncollected garbage continues to pile up in the streets.

Yesterday, San Juan Councilor Rolando Bernardo, chair of the town council committee on solid waste management, said many of the local businessmen, especially restaurant owners, have been complaining to the municipal government of the tons of trash growing in their areas.

"They told us that business was slow these days because the stinking garbage left at their premises drive away customers," Bernardo said.

He also expressed fear that some of the restaurants might close down if this condition continued.

He stressed that the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) should be blamed for the garbage crisis not only in San Juan but also in other cities like Manila, Pasay, Pasig and Makati.

Bernardo maintained that it was not enough for the MMDA to insist only on the segregation of waste materials.

"He (Abalos) wants to strictly enforce the Solid Waste Management Act in cities and towns, but the problem really is the non-collection of garbage which leaves our surroundings smelling bad and very unsanitary."

Bernardo added that the problem even worsened because the MMDA had not provided a

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MANOR FIRE

Graft raps vs 23 postponed

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE CENTRAL Police District again postponed the filing yesterday of graft charges against 23 officials of the Bureau of Fire Protection and Quezon City government after some of the defendants, among them BFP Metro Manila chief Senior Supt. Romeo Villafuerte, submitted new documents as evidence.

Chief Insp. Rudy Jaraza, CPD Criminal Investigation Unit homicide section chief, said his men were still trying to determine whether Villafuerte should be included in the charge sheet for alleged criminal negligence which resulted in the Aug. 18 Manor Hotel fire in Quezon City *(Related story on Page A21)*.

Jaraza said Villafuerte submitted several documents on Monday night that would show he did what he could to prevent the fire where 74 people were killed.

Charges were supposed to be filed with the Office of the Ombudsman on Monday, but it was postponed when the copying machine in Camp Karingal, Sikatuna Village, Quezon City overheated. Each copy of the complaint has more than 200 pages.

Besides Villafuerte and Supt. Wenceslao Romero, the other BFP officials in the rap sheet were Insp. Reynaldo Simpao, head of the fire inspection division; former Quezon City fire marshal Insp. Ricardo Lemence, SFO4 Rodolfo Espina, and SFO1 Arnel Pimca.

The name of Insp. Ricardo Romero, which appeared in yesterday's report, is not included in the charge sheet.

The Quezon City officials named in the complaint were former city engineer Alfredo Macapugay, Donato Rivera, Julius Villanueva, Romualdo Santos, Romeo Montallana, Gerardo Villasenor, Winston Angeles, Ernesto Madrillego, Luis Sol. Jr., an engineer Dela Cruz, an engineer Cruz, and an engineer Nagidala.

Also named were business permits and licensing office chief Rafael Galvez, license inspectors Godfrey Colet and Jose Caluag, license officer Voltaire Padilla, and utility worker Willy Jerez.

Villafuerte told the Inquirer that he learned he was going to be charged only about 5 p.m. Monday. He said he immediately sent documents to the CPD to explain his side.

The BFP earlier submitted to the Department of the Interior and Local Government a report which said that six BFP officials could be held negligent for the hotel fire.

Villafuerte believed he was included in the list because he is one of the candidates for the BFP directorship. He said he has already submitted to his superiors the documents that would prove he had not been remiss in his duties.

Chief Supt. Francisco Senot is the acting BFP director.

Villafuerte clarified that, under BFP regulations, only district chiefs can issue notice of violations to business establishments.

He said his role as the BFP head of the National Capital Region is "supervisory" and that he would only get into the picture if a fire marshal and his district chief have contradicting recommendations about closure orders or notices of violations.

"They (the investigators) should have looked first at what I did before they blamed me," Villafuerte said.

He said he did receive from Lemence the August 2000 report on the Fire Code violations of the Manor Hotel, but he added that the district chief then did not submit a follow-up report to him.

UP engineers homecoming

THE UNIVERSITY of the Philippines Alumni Engineers (UPAE) is holding its annual homecoming on Saturday, Nov. 10, at the UP Bahay ng Alumni, Diliman, Quezon City. Highlighting the special affair is a gathering of the jubilarian classes of '41, '51, '68 and '76.

For more information, call the UPAE secretariat at 920-5201, local 5872, or homecoming chair Fortunato de la Peña, 920-6923; UPAE president Val Reyes, 841-7622 or 0918-9174951; and UPAE secretary Ronaldo Manahan, 434-6322 or 0917-5261959.

RP facts on killer cigarettes

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad

THE URGENT call is for the government to take a firm stand against tobacco use in the Philippines.

The Tobacco Free Philippines Foundation Inc. sent a letter to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, published in the INQUIRER on June 17, 2001, where it made a strong stand against tobacco. It also sounded an urgent call for the passage of local legislation that would limit the youth's access to cigarettes and, at the same time, regulate the tobacco industry.

In response, Philip Morris Phils. Inc., a major investor in the country that has been welcomed with open arms by President Macapagal, said it shares the concerns of Tobacco Free Phils.

Philip Morris, however, made several categorical stands. For example, it maintained that the goal of the anti-tobacco foundation should be "balanced with the right of adults to smoke."

Says Philip Morris: "Tobacco use is a legitimate choice that adults should be free to make."

The giant tobacco firm says it is not against an "informed evaluation of the attendant risks."

In that case, we sound an alarm by printing here salient portions of the Department of Health's reaction to the paper on "youth smoking."

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"Most of you know the basic facts about tobacco. There are 4 million deaths from tobacco every year. This figure will increase to about 10 million by 2030 by which time 70 percent of the deaths will occur in developing countries. For the tobacco industry to survive, these deaths and the millions of adults who quit, must be replaced by new smokers: our children and youth of today and tomorrow. In ever-increasing numbers, this is happening among youth in every country of the world.

"Tobacco is a unique threat to health because it is so widely available, it kills when used as intended and those who manufacture and market tobacco have systematically worked to undermine efforts to curb the carnage and death toll from tobacco.

"In that context, protecting youth from tobacco is doubly important. Roughly 90 percent of adult smokers were established smokers before the age of 18 years, meaning that prevention of youth smoking translates into prevention of adult smoking and its adverse health effects. In addition, adults who are very heavy smokers are more likely to have begun at younger ages than adults who smoke less, meaning that any success postponing the age of smoking translates into potentially less health burden, even for those who become addicted to nicotine and smoke through adulthood.

"Despite the obvious benefits of preventing smoking, young people in many countries have high and growing rates of smoking. More evidence comes from the Global Youth Tobacco Survey, or the GYTS, which was initiated in 1999 through the Tobacco Free-Initiative of the World Health Organization and the Office of Smoking and Health of the US.

Specifically, the GYTS was designed to gather data on the prevalence of tobacco use, minors' access to tobacco products, exposure to environmental tobacco smoke, exposure to media messages and school lessons and youth's beliefs and attitudes regarding tobacco use.

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"Last June, we celebrated anti-smoking month. To cap that activity, we have disseminated the results of the Youth Tobacco Survey in the Philippines that is part of the Global Youth Tobacco Survey. This survey was conducted in selected regular secondary schools nationwide, and all the regions were represented. Interestingly, the results of your survey approximate findings from our Youth Tobacco Survey.

"Cigarette smoking is high, and use of other tobacco products is moderately high. We have estimated that 42 percent of the students tried cigarette smoking; 22 percent of students reported to be current cigarette smokers. 15 percent of those who ever tried cigarette smoking admitted to have first tried cigarette smoking before the age of 10 years. Environmental tobacco exposure is very high, over half (60 percent) of parents smoke at home, and 3 out of 4 students are around others who smoke in their presence outside of their homes and these smokers are mostly their friends. The usual place where minors smoke are friends' homes or their own homes and schools.

"Practically, yours and our study's results and other findings should stimulate outrage among youth leaders, health professionals and policy makers. This is the outrage that needs to be turned into focused, strategic policy to stop children ever starting and supporting youth smokers to quit. However, we must not be led into thinking that tobacco control is just about educating young people. Effective interventions that comprise comprehensive tobacco control particularly those related to increasing prices, banning advertising and creating smoke-free public places are essential in preventing smoking among young people.

"If we limit our attention to school or community education efforts and reducing youth access, we will commit two grave errors: We will have failed to use the most effective tools in the battle for a tobacco-free generation, and we will have walked into a trap laid by the tobacco industry.

"The best-resourced efforts to develop policies and programs are those that interact with young people's lives at home, at school, at play, at work, with peers and with adults, creating an environment from which a generation of tobacco-free youth will emerge."

Ex-solon's son nabbed for hot car, drugs

By Alcuin Papa

A TEENAGE boy, who claimed to be the son of former Leyte Rep. Alfredo Romualdez, and a friend were arrested on Monday for allegedly driving a stolen vehicle and possessing illegal drugs.

Franco Romualdez, 18, a student and a resident of North Forbes Park, Makati; and Canadian Ryan Chua, 17, also a student and a resident of Annapolis Street in Greenhills, San Juan, were arrested after a brief car chase by Makati policemen along Edsa about 5 p.m. on Monday.

A woman who identified herself only as Lynette and a public relations person for the former congressman called reporters covering Makati and said that charges against the young Romualdez were without basis. She also said the young Romualdez was a son of the former congressman.

Police were on patrol on Edsa near Ayala Avenue when they spotted the two young men in a gray Honda Civic without license plates, according to PO2 Rutheford Adana.

Suspecting that the car was stolen, police chased the vehicle, and finally caught up with the car at the corner of Estrella Street and Edsa.

Police said the suspects got out of the car and tried to run. But police again chased the two, caught them and then were brought to police headquarters.

Allegedly found inside the car were five tablets believed to be the prescription drug Valium, police said.

Police said the suspects could not produce the registration papers of the car. Romualdez refused to talk to reporters but police said he claimed he was the son of the former Leyte congressman.

Makati police are cooperating with Pasig police regarding the stolen Honda Civic. The car was reportedly stolen in Pasig.

Romualdez and Chua were detained at the Makati police headquarters. Police said Romualdez's mother and a lawyer were at the police station yesterday following up the case.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE PAREF-NORTHFIELD SCHOOL IN GREENMEADOWS III

On February 14, 2001, the Quezon City Government and PAREF*-Northfield School signed a Memorandum of Agreement to develop a ***Community Park With A School*** in an open space of Greenmeadows III, Baranggay Ugong Norte, Quezon City. The great potential of this project to serve the common good appears to have been misunderstood by certain quarters perhaps due to lack of information. Hence this clarification:

1. THERE IS NO CHANGE IN LAND USE

The 3.1 hectare open space in Greenmeadows III **will not be converted** into any other use. Developing it into a **"Community Park With A School"** is consistent with the uses allowed by law (**PD 1216**) which provides that the "open space shall be reserved exclusively for parks, playground, recreational uses, **schools**, roads, places of worship, hospitals, health centers, barangay centers and other similar facilities and amenities."

2. THERE IS NO LOSS TO THE GOVERNMENT; ON THE CONTRARY, IT IS ALL GAIN TO THE GOVERNMENT AND TO THE PUBLIC

- The property has been idle for the past 20 years up to today. In the "Community Park With A School" Project, the land title remains with the Government while it allows the school to develop the property and perform services to the general public at **no cost** to the Government.

3. THE LAND USE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CONCEPT OF "COMMUNITY PARK WITH A SCHOOL"

- The allocation of areas to the different project components are as follows:

PARK & SPORTS FACILITIES (football field, multi-purpose gym, playground, homeowners' association office)	57 %
SCHOOL BUILDING FOOTPRINT	11 %
PARKING (open to parishioners of Christ The King Parish)	16 %
ROADS, ALLEYWAYS AND GREEN LANDSCAPING	16 %
Total	**100 %**

4. THE SCHOOL COMPONENT SERVES ALL LEVELS OF INCOME CLASSES

- PAREF-Northfield School provides education from Prep to High School. As of school year 2001-2002, the highest level is 2nd year high school. Present enrollment is 306 students of whom 266 are in the Elementary Level and 40 in High School. Maximum student population for the whole school is 1,200 students per PAREF policy and will be reached only by school year 2011-2012.
- The School will provide scholarships at the High School Level for the poor but deserving youths of Quezon City modelled after a free night high school. (Classes are from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. about which PAREF has quite a good experience.) The quality of education for scholars is **exactly the same** as that of the paying students. The number of scholars will comprise about 50% of the high school population. The maximum high school population is 400 students.
- The School will also provide continuing education and training for some public school teachers in Quezon City.

5. THE TRAFFIC IMPACT OF THE SCHOOL IN THE AREA WILL BE VERY MANAGEABLE

- Aside from having a small student population, various traffic improvement schemes will be in place: 6-lane road fronting the property; no-parking policy along the road; no-left turn policy coming from school; wide interior roads circulation; long bus bays and drop-off points; expanded parking area; strict enforcement of traffic rules for fluidity.
- As the school population grows, it is expected that up to 80% of the students will come from nearby subdivisions based on PAREF-Southridge experience.

6. 75% OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF ALL THE IMPROVEMENTS ON THIS OTHERWISE NON-PRODUCTIVE PROPERTY WILL ACCRUE TO QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT FREE OF ANY COST WHATSOEVER

- Since this joint undertaking has a definite life it may be discontinued at the end of such term, at the wish of any of the parties. However it is greatly desired that this Project is continued for the good of the general public especially of the poor scholars. This could not be viewed as prejudicial to the Government of Quezon City.

7. THE APPROVAL PROCESS TOOK MORE THAN 2 YEARS; IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN "RAILROADED" BY THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT

- The approval process passed through several milestones including: initial consultations with Quezon City Counsel, various meetings with the residents of Greenmeadows III for their consent, representation with Ortigas & Company Limited Partnership to obtain waiver on restriction in the Deed of Donation, submission of proposal to the Quezon City Mayor to enter into agreement with PAREF-Northfield, negotiations between two parties on the terms of the agreement, signing of the MOA, ratification of the MOA by the Quezon City Council, and the notation of the MOA by the DILG Secretary.

8. THE ENTIRE PROCESS WAS COMPLETELY ABOVE BOARD AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW; ABSOLUTELY NO ONE PERSONALLY BENEFITED FROM THIS TRANSACTION.

- PAREF and its Schools do not get involved in any transaction or activity that is contrary to law and morals.

PAREF (Parents for Education Foundation, Inc.) is a non-stock, not-for- profit organization and an NGO composed mostly of parents who believe in an educational philosophy founded on a strong collaboration between home and school in the education of children.

ALL THE ABOVE ISSUES SHALL BE FURTHER CLARIFIED IN AN OFFICIAL PUBLIC HEARING WHICH PAREF-NORTHFIELD SCHOOL HAS REQUESTED THE QC COUNCIL TO CONDUCT.

- PAREF-Northfield School, Friends and Supporters

Electrician gets life for rape

By Christian V. Esguerra

AN ELECTRICIAN has been sentenced to life imprisonment after he was found guilty of raping his 18-year-old niece in a Malabon slum three years ago.

Court records showed that the victim, who had just arrived from the province to look for a job in Manila, stayed in her uncles' shanty in Tonsuya, Malabon. The convicted 38-year-old rapist made the girl believe he was her grandfather, the records said.

On Oct. 1, 1998, the uncle raped his niece at knifepoint inside their shanty, the records showed. The rape was repeated on Jan. 13, 1999, but this time, the victim's other uncle heard his niece fighting off the attack.

The victim told the court that she was scared to report the rape to police.

The uncle denied raping the victim and claimed he had sex with her since she was his girlfriend.

Court records also showed that the uncle's sister even corroborated the claim of the accused and tried to destroy the victim's credibility, saying that the victim had lost her job in Mandaluyong after she was caught kissing the son of her employer.

A medico legal examination also showed the victim's hymen was intact, indicating the absence of sexual intercourse. Doctors, however, clarified that an intact hymen was not proof that the girl did not have sexual intercourse.

But Judge Benjamin Antonio found the victim's account of the rapes convincing and credible.

He did not buy the uncle's claims based on the victim's testimony, which "details her harrowing experience in a credible, convincing and simple manner."

Assuming that the uncle was the victim's boyfriend, he has no right to force himself on her, Judge Antonio ruled.

Aside from meting out the life sentence to the uncle, the judge also ordered the uncle to pay his niece at least P50,000 in damages.

Manor fire victim had portents of her death, says employee

By Romulo O. Ponte
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

VICTORIA, Laguna—One of the scores who died in the Aug. 18 fire at the Quezon City Manor Hotel had premonitions of her death, according to one of her employees.

The employee, a native of Barangay San Francisco in this town who now lives in Butuan City, also fondly recalls the generous deeds of Dahlia Catedral, 35.

Catedral was a successful businesswoman and a religious leader, according to Analita "Baby" Garcia-Espino, 43, cashier of the Catedral family's gasoline station in Buenavista, Agusan Del Norte.

Reports said Catedral died after she jumped through an opening on the fourth floor of the hotel on Kamias Road in Quezon City.

Catedral's companion, pastor's wife Marcia Hart, who also jumped from the fourth floor, was likewise unlucky. Another companion, Hanna Dionen, held on to a blanket until rescuers came to help her to safety.

Espino recalled that Catedral was doing unusual things shortly before she left for Manila together with three companions in their Born Again Christian group to attend a three-day Christian national assembly at the Araneta Coliseum.

"Before she left for Manila on Aug. 15, Dahlia had their family picture fixed," Espino said. "Then, before going to the airport, she herself filled her Toyota Revo with fuel, which she did not usually do, and she kept asking what *pasalubong* I would like her to bring to me."

Espino, who has been a cashier for the Catedral for eight years and who is also a family friend of the Catedrals, recalled that "Dahlia looked unusually sullen. When her vehicle was leaving to go to the airport, she was waving strangely at us, with the two-finger sign of peace while her distressed eyes looked at the entire house as if she was bidding it goodbye."

She said Catedral had really waited for the Quezon City assembly and made long preparations.

Catedral is survived by her husband Jerril, 35, and two children, Malik, 7, and Ligaya, 4.

Her remains lie in state at the family home in Nasipit town. She will be buried today.

Catedral also left behind her other business—a bakery, whose markets reach as far as Surigao del Norte, Agusan del Sur and other neighboring provinces.

"She also left behind the ministry she loved so much as a budding preacher of her Born-Again community," Espino said.

"Dahlia will also be missed by those impoverished children in the streets whom she and her husband had a heart of literally feeding and taking care of at home. She will also be missed by the total strangers who had come for help and whom the Catedral couple had readily provided shelter without question," she said.

Celia Garcia-Mella, younger sister of Espino, expressed sadness at the unexpected death of Dahlia, whose husband Jerril is their family friend, from their parents' days with the Nasipit Lumber Co. (Nalco).

Mella recalled that during Nalco's heyday, Jerril Catedral's physician mother was the company doctor, while his late father was one of the company engineers.

Mella's father, Nemesio Garcia, was the company's chief forest guard.

QC housewife loses P300,000 to 'budol-budol'

By Philip C. Tubeza

HOUSEWIFE Mela Luz Bartolome, 45, of Quezon City lost more than P300,000 in cash and jewelry, including some pieces she had collected since her teens, to a group of swindlers known as "budol-budol gang."

Bartolome, of Roxas District, Quezon City, lost P180,000 and $1,000 in cash, and jewelry worth P100,000 after three gang members "hypnotized" her, said investigator PO2 Jun Mortel, of the Central Police District-Criminal Investigation Unit.

She told police that she was walking near the Mabuhay Rotunda in Quezon City around 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 6 when a man and a woman approached her.

"They pretended that they were from the province and that they had money to buy a Honda water pump," PO2 Mortel said.

The couple asked for assistance from Bartolome and then they all went to a nearby branch of Burger King. While they were eating, another man approached their table and introduced himself as a Honda manager.

The three strangers were able to convince Bartolome to withdraw P180,000 and $1,000 from two separate banks, Bartolome told police.

When they met again the next day, the suspects convinced her to put her money in a bag they brought which they said also contained their own money.

They were again able to convince Bartolome to get all her jewelry from home, she said.

Mortel said one of the suspects even accompanied the victim to her house.

When they met again, the suspects told Bartolome they were going to leave the bag with her because they were going somewhere for 30 minutes.

As a guarantee that Bartolome would not run away with the bag, she gave the suspects her jewelry.

She said she waited more than 30 minutes but the suspects failed to show up.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Wednesday, August 29, 2001
Martyrdom of John the Baptist

1st Reading: **1 Thes 2:9-13**
Gospel: **Mk 6:17-29**

Herod had ordered John to be arrested and had him bound and put in prison because of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip. Herod had married her and John had told him, "It is not right for you to live with your brother's wife." So Herodias held a grudge against John and wanted to kill him, but she could not because Herod respected John. He knew John to be an upright and holy man and kept him safe. And he liked listening to him, although he became very disturbed whenever he heard him.

Herodias had her chance on Herod's birthday, when he gave a dinner for all the senior government officials, military chiefs and the leaders of Galilee. On that occasion the daughter of Herodias came in and danced; and she delighted Herod and his guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want and I will give it to you." And he went so far as to say with many oaths, "I will give you anything you ask, even half my kingdom." She went out to consult her mother, "What shall I ask for?" The mother replied, "The head of John the Baptist." The girl hurried to the king and made her request: "I want you to give me the head of John the Baptist, here and now, on a dish."

The king was very displeased, but he would not refuse in front of his guests because of his oaths. So he sent one of the bodyguards with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded John in prison; then he brought the head on a dish and gave it to the girl. And the girl gave it to her mother. When John's disciples heard of this, they came and took his body and buried it.

Commentary

Today's reading honors the greatest prophet of Israel, the one who was entrusted with the difficult task to prepare the people for the coming of the Messiah. His task was to point beyond himself and to introduce Jesus. He was called to decrease so that the Messiah could increase. He was a person of faith and integrity who did not claim a place in the center. Because of his integrity, he was respected by the people, and respected even by an abusive person like Herod. He died for the sake of righteousness while in prison for exposing the brutality of the political system at his time. When Jesus learned about his execution, he went to Galilee to start his public ministry. John's death bore abundant fruit and served as a signal that the fullness of time had come.

Heavenly Father, today we honor the memory of John the Baptist, who was faithful to his difficult mission until the end. Grant that we also may share in his faith.

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SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

REMEDIAL LAW (EVIDENCE)—Requisites necessary for circumstantial evidence to be deemed sufficient for conviction—The requisites necessary for circumstantial evidence to be deemed sufficient to convict accused-appellant are present in this case. First, there is more than one circumstance. Second, these circumstances were proven. Third, the combination of all the circumstances is such as to produce a conviction beyond reasonable doubt. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Mendoza, Second Division, People v. Olivo, Jr., G.R. No. 130335, January 18, 2001]

Digest by R.B. Vera

Alpha Phi Beta reunion

THE ALPHA Phi Beta Fraternity of the UP College of Law will have its monthly reunion on Aug. 31, 2001 at 7 p.m. at the lounge of the Castillo Laman Tan and Pantaleon Law Offices, Valero Tower, Valero Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City.

The reunion will be hosted by Noel Laman, Ramon Esguerra and other fraternity members in the firm.

Another reunion is scheduled for Sept. 28, 2001 at 7 p.m., the venue of which will be announced later.

The fraternity's current lord chancellor, Manny Yngson, who is specializing in corporate receivership and liquidation, enjoins all members of the fraternity to attend the monthly celebration and enjoy an evening of fun and camaraderie.

Uncollected trash . . .

(From page A19)

dumpsite to accommodate the 100 tons of garbage collected daily in San Juan by two private haulers, REN Transport and Greenline.

"We have allocated P800 to P1,000 for each truck just to be able to dispose of our garbage, but the problem is that MMDA has failed to designate a dumping area for us," Bernardo said.

Abalos has blamed the local executives for the uncollected garbage in their area.

Earlier, he ordered Metro Manila mayors to remove the garbage that has collected in the streets in the past few weeks.

"Whether the garbage is segregated or unsegregated, they should immediately clean it up because, after all, it is their responsibility," Abalos said.

On Monday, Abalos also threatened garbage collectors with prison terms and fines if they failed to observe the law on solid waste management.

He said prison terms of up to 30 days or fines from P1,000 to P3,000, or both, would be imposed on erring collectors.

But Pasay City Mayor Wenceslao "Peewee" Trinidad also said on Monday that they were unable to collect garbage because the MMDA has failed to provide local governments with new landfills.

One killed, two hurt in Taguig

By Alcuin Papa

A MAN was killed and two others were seriously injured, including a Parañaque policeman, during a heated argument on Monday night about a homeowners association in Taguig.

Supt. Reynaldo Fernando, Taguig chief of police, said vendor Jose Boticario, 33, of Sitio Bayani, Western Bicutan in Taguig, died from gunshot wounds in the body.

PO2 Rudy Cruzata, 36, of Purok 5, Taguig, suffered six stab wounds in different parts of the body and is now under observation at the Rizal Medical Center. Cruzata is from Parañaque police station 1.

Also injured was Benerando Ursal, 38, of Sitio Bayani, Taguig. Police said Ursal suffered a gunshot wound.

The incident happened about 9 p.m. Monday in Sitio Bayani, according to a report by Insp. Johnny de los Reyes, chief of the Taguig police Criminal Investigation Division.

Witness Gay Esperio told police he saw the three talking about their homeowners association when a heated argument erupted among them. The argument led to the stabbing of Cruzata, who managed to pull out his 9mm-service firearm and fired at the other two, Esperio told police.

HOT books are inspected by NBI Director Wycoco. JESS YUSON

P13-million illegal textbooks seized

By Jerome Aning

NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation agents seized P13.3 million worth of illegally published elementary and high school textbooks in two raids in Quezon City.

In a news conference yesterday, NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said copies of textbooks printed by the Phoenix Publishing House were being sold on the streets at much lower prices, causing Phoenix to lose profits.

The agents raided a warehouse at the NB Santos building on Quezon Avenue and another on Sto. Domingo Avenue on Aug. 24 and 25.

The warehouses are owned by SIBS Publishing House Inc., Wycoco said.

He said his men confiscated 66,000 books, which were in three trucks.

Rafael Ragos, NBI intellectual property rights division chief, said his men placed the two warehouses under surveillance for several weeks until they were able to confirm that the copied textbooks were being stored there.

The raiding teams were armed with a search warrant issued by Judge Arsenio Magpaje of Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 225.

Wycoco said the Phoenix owners believe SIBS has been earning millions of pesos by illegally copying Phoenix publications for the past four years.

Dead woman washed ashore in Port area

By Jerome Aning

THE BODY of a woman, who appeared to have been strangled, was washed ashore in Port Area in Manila yesterday morning.

SPO1 Virgo Villareal of the Western Police District homicide section said the body was in an advanced stage of decomposition. He described the dead woman as 20 to 25 years old, about 5-foot-2 tall and fair complexioned.

The victim was clad only in a pair of black Polo Sport lady's briefs, police said. On her left leg was a nylon anklet, and on her right leg was a black smudge, apparently a tattoo, police said.

SPO1 Villareal said the woman was apparently strangled with a long white face towel which was found still knotted tightly around her neck.

Residents saw the body floating off Sitio Pulang Bato at the Baseco Compound in Tondo, about 7 a.m. yesterday.

Members of a nearby police community precinct later retrieved the body, which was brought to the Tres Amigos Funeral Homes in Paco.

Police theorized that the woman was another victim of drug syndicates, and the body might have been dumped in the Pasig River several days before it was washed ashore.

Snatcher shot dead by cop

By Philip C. Tubeza

DANILO J. Tanada thought his gold necklace was gone for good when a robber held him up in Cubao, Quezon City Monday night.

Luckily, two undercover policemen saw the snatching and tried to arrest the suspect. One of the lawmen shot the suspect dead when he allegedly tried to put up a fight.

The suspect remained unidentified as of yesterday afternoon, hours after SPO1 Crisanto G. Labrado of the Cubao police station shot him in the neck, said SPO1 Rodrigo Barrameda, of the Central Police District-Criminal Investigation Unit.

Barrameda said the suspect was 25 to 30 years old, slim, fair, and around 5-foot-6 in height.

Tanada told investigators he was waiting for a ride near the corner of Aurora Boulevard and C. Benitez Street, in Cubao when the suspect held him up with a fan knife shortly before midnight on Monday.

The suspect took Tanada's necklace then ran toward C. Benitez, SPO1 Barrameda said.

But Labrado and PO2 Pepito Largo, who were in the area for an undercover operation, saw the incident and tried to arrest the suspect who was running toward the lawmen.

Labrado claimed he fired a warning shot but the suspect kept on running.

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Action film scene perks up

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

THE LOCAL action film front is depressingly quiet these days, with hardly any big action star making a movie. Most of the action films being shot these days topbill young stars.

The reason, of course, is economics. Action superstars charge P3M, P5M or even P10M per film, and in these depressed movie times, those fees are simply too expensive for most producers.

True, some big action stars have quietly lowered their rates, but many producers still aren't biting. Well, the action superstars have only themselves to blame.

When Filipino movies were doing well at the box office, some action superstars became so smug and self-important that they jacked up their fees to stratospheric heights.

Worse, they made a lot of demands, like getting full control of their action starrers by also acting as line producers, getting approval options in the choice of costars and directors, etc.

Some action stars became so powerful that their producers were pretty much reduced to the status of mere financhiers of their starrers. That was bearable as long as their movies made a lot of money, but when they started ending up in the red, producers stopped kowtowing to the spoiled action superstars.

That's why many of them have been film-less for a long time or have been trying to remain in the public eye on television.

That's the down side. The positive aspect to all this is the fact that, to satisfy, the demand of the action film crowd for new products, producers have once been tapping the services of talented but temporarily overlooked young action stars.

Topping the list at this time are **Ronnie Ricketts** and **Ian Veneracion.** Ronnie is not only a charismatic action star, he's also a good director who avoids most of the clichés associated with action flicks, and imbues his movies with some significant content, empathetic character and humor.

After a long hiatus, he's making his comeback in "Mano-Mano 2," and our hope is that it can match the achievement of his best films in the past, and that the action crowd will support it.

For his part, Ian Veneracion is topbilling the new actioner, "Parehas ang Laban." Ian is not only tall, goodlooking and a hard worker when it comes to stunts and very physical action scenes, but he's also a good dramatic actor.

As a result, his action starrers have more things going for them than the standard actioner, so his new movie is of interest not just to the action crowd.

The current hard times in the movies are forcing producers to think of alternative ways to continue making affordable films, and the revival of interest in the deserving likes of Ronnie and Ian proves that some good things can come out of a very bad situation.

'Animé on Parade'

"NIHON Eiga Sai 2001" goes to Cinema 2 at Shangri-La Plaza Mall from Aug. 31 to Sept. 4. It will showcase four decades of Japanese full-length animation greats, ranging from **Taiji Yabushita**'s "The White Snake" (1950), the first Japanese full-length colored animation film which won the Grand Prix at the Venice Film Festival, to **Katsuhiro Otomo**'s "Akira" (1988), one of Japan's most expensive animated productions.

Other interesting films to be featured are "The Orphan Brother "(1961) and "Madcap Island" (1967) by Taiji Yabushita; "Return of Pero" (1972) by **Tomoharu Katsumata**; "Taro, the Dragon Boy" (1979) by **Kirio Urayama**; "Barefoot Gen 1" (1983) by Mori Masaki; "Night of the Galactic Railroad" (1985) by **Gisaburoh Sugii**; "Barefoot Gen 2" (1986) and "Grimm's Fairy Tales" (1987) by **Toshio Hirata**; "Akira" (1988) by **Katsuhiro Otomo**, and "Tombstone for Fireflies" by **Isao Takahata** (Aug. 31 and Sept. 2 at 8:30 p.m.)

"Tombstone for Fireflies" received two awards at the 1994 Chicago International Children's Film Festival—first prize in the Rights of the Child category and first prize in the Best Animated Feature Film category.

Screening hours are 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Call 633-7851 local 107 for details.

'Curtain Call'

NATIONAL Artist for Dance Leonor Orosa Goquingco's book, "Curtain Call: Selected Reviews, 1957 to 2000," will be launched at the CCP Main Theater Lobby on Aug. 29. Dr. **Alejandro Roces** is the guest of honor.

There will be a short program featuring performances by **Monique Wilson, Danny Dolor, Tami Monsod, Toni Lopez Gonzalez, Agnes Locsin, Denise Reyes** and Powerdance.

Workshops on traditional Japanese crafts

JAPANESE artists **Yuri Fukunaga, Teiko Karita, Midori Hasegawa** and **Megumi Okano** from REED Japan are conducting workshops in innovative card making, origami, chigiri-e and other traditional Japanese crafts Aug. 29 at Waterfront Hotel Cebu, on Aug. 30 aboard the WO&A Superferry and Aug. 31 at Manila Galleria Suites.

'A.I.'

A film by the planet's most talented, versatile filmmaker

By Paul Daza

REVIEW

I'M at a special screening of Steven Spielgberg's new film, "A.I. Artificial Intelligence," wondering how the people around me are reacting to this strange and wonderful tale of a robot boy who wishes he was human. The movie's almost over, and the guy to my left is yawning and constantly looking at his watch, while two young ladies to my right are crying their eyes out.

Is "AI" a total bore or a compelling science fiction chick flick?

"A.I: Artificial Intelligence" is the movie that the legendary filmmaker Stanley Kubrick was supposed to direct after "Eyes Wide Shut." Kubrick had been working on "AI" since 1979, commissioning several screenplays (which he ultimately rejected) and meeting with celebrated artists and special effects technicians about bringing the story from script to screen. Sadly, Kubrick died in his sleep of a heart attack in 1999, but not before he told his good friend Steven Spielberg that he should direct "AI."

After writing the screenplay himself, his first since 1977's "Close Encounters of The Third Kind," Spielberg began filming AI, forbidding everyone on the production staff from revealing anything about the project, especially its story.

Reconfirmation

This is why you won't get a detailed synopsis in this review. One of the chief pleasures of "AI" is going into the theater not knowing what to expect. What can be revealed are the bits that the tantalizing trailer already hinted at: that this is the story of a robot boy who wishes he was human so his mommy would love him more.

"Artificial Intelligence" reconfirms what I've known for the past 20 years—that Steven Spielberg is still the most talented, versatile filmmaker this planet has ever seen.

Just when you think he has exhausted his bag of tricks and is doomed to repeat himself, he makes an "AI," which is completely different in tone and subject matter from his last movie, "Saving Private Ryan." While some of the people I saw "AI" with couldn't wait to leave the theater, I enjoyed the sheer craftsmanship that went into every frame of the film.

I didn't cry like the women in the audience, but I came close to shedding tears a couple of times, especially in the scenes where the boy android Davy (a magnificent Haley Joel Osment) is repeatedly dealt painful blows by the hand of Fate.

Impeccable cast

The cast is impeccable, especially Haley Joel Osment. There is literally no other child actor in the world who could have played David *so* convincingly. I love the fact that the precocious star of "The Sixth Sense" has never relied on the "cuteness factor" to make us sympathize with the characters he plays, and his controlled David is no exception.

OSMENT. Impeccable performance as the boy android

As David's human mother Monica Swinton, Frances O'Connor is reaping deserved praise as a woman who doesn't know if she can love an artificial boy as much as she loves her biological son. The range she displays from the beginning to the end of the film is astonishing.

Jude Law exudes his assured charm and confidence as Gigolo Joe, an android designed to provide sexual pleasure to humans. How ironic that it's as a robotic call boy that the handsome actor gets to keep his clothes on for the first time in his short but already distinguished film career.

An uncredited Robin Williams provides the manic voice of Dr. Know, a hologram Einstein who can answer any question for a fee. As David's creator, William Hurt feels underutilized.

Amazing

Because this is a major Hollywood production, it's safe to assume that the filmmakers were given enough time and money *to* properly execute Spielberg and Kubrick's meticulous vision of the future. For the most part, the amazing production design is unlike anything you've seen before. The sets for Flesh Fair (a futuristic version of Pinocchio's Pleasure Island) and the Las Vegas-like Rouge City are bound to earn production designer Rick Carter another Oscar nomination in February.

Some interiors, however, are designed to look familiar. The early laboratory scenes have the imprint of Stanley Kubrick's landmark film, "2001: A Space Odyssey," while the bed canopy where David sleeps is best described as playful,

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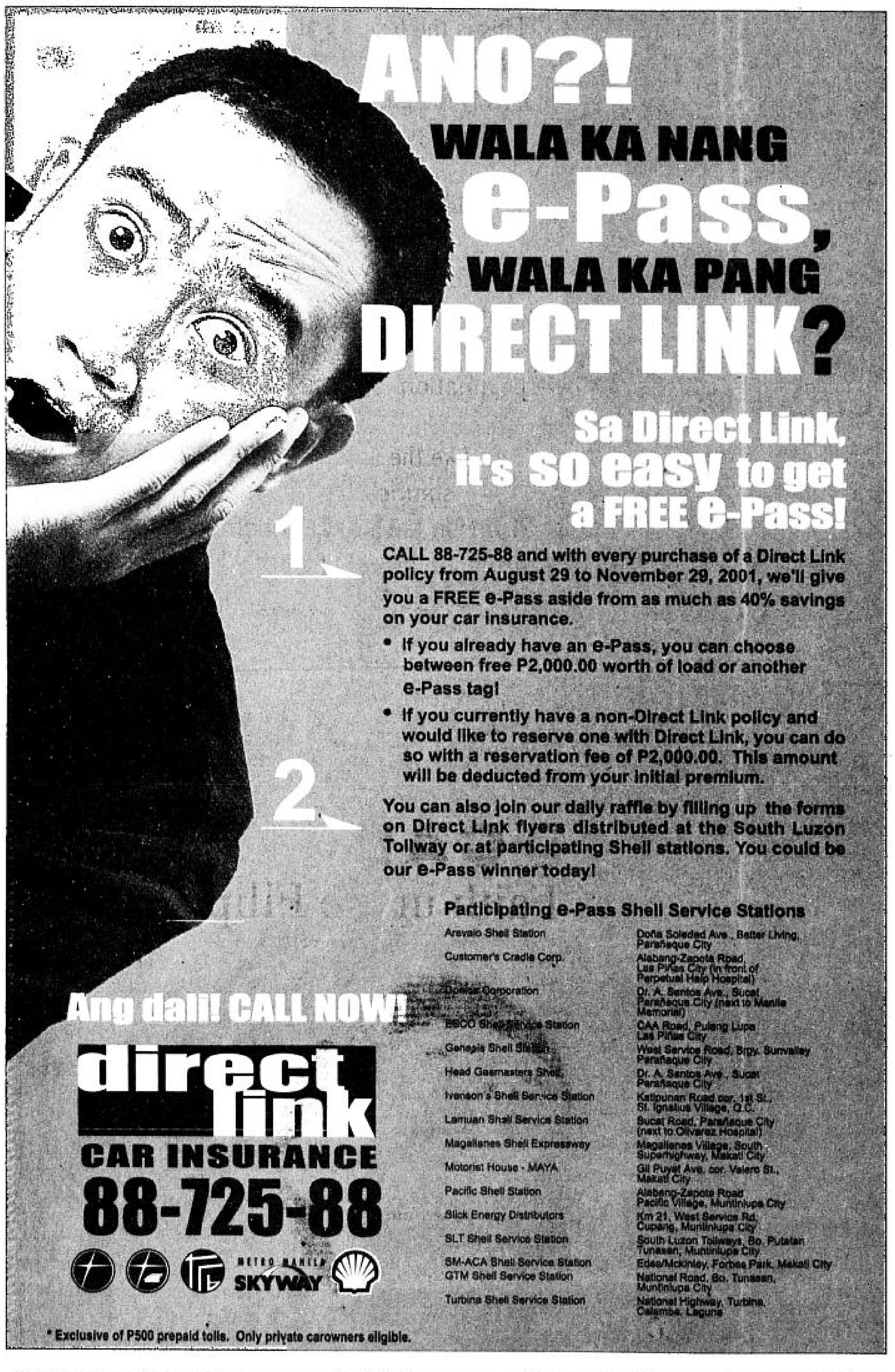

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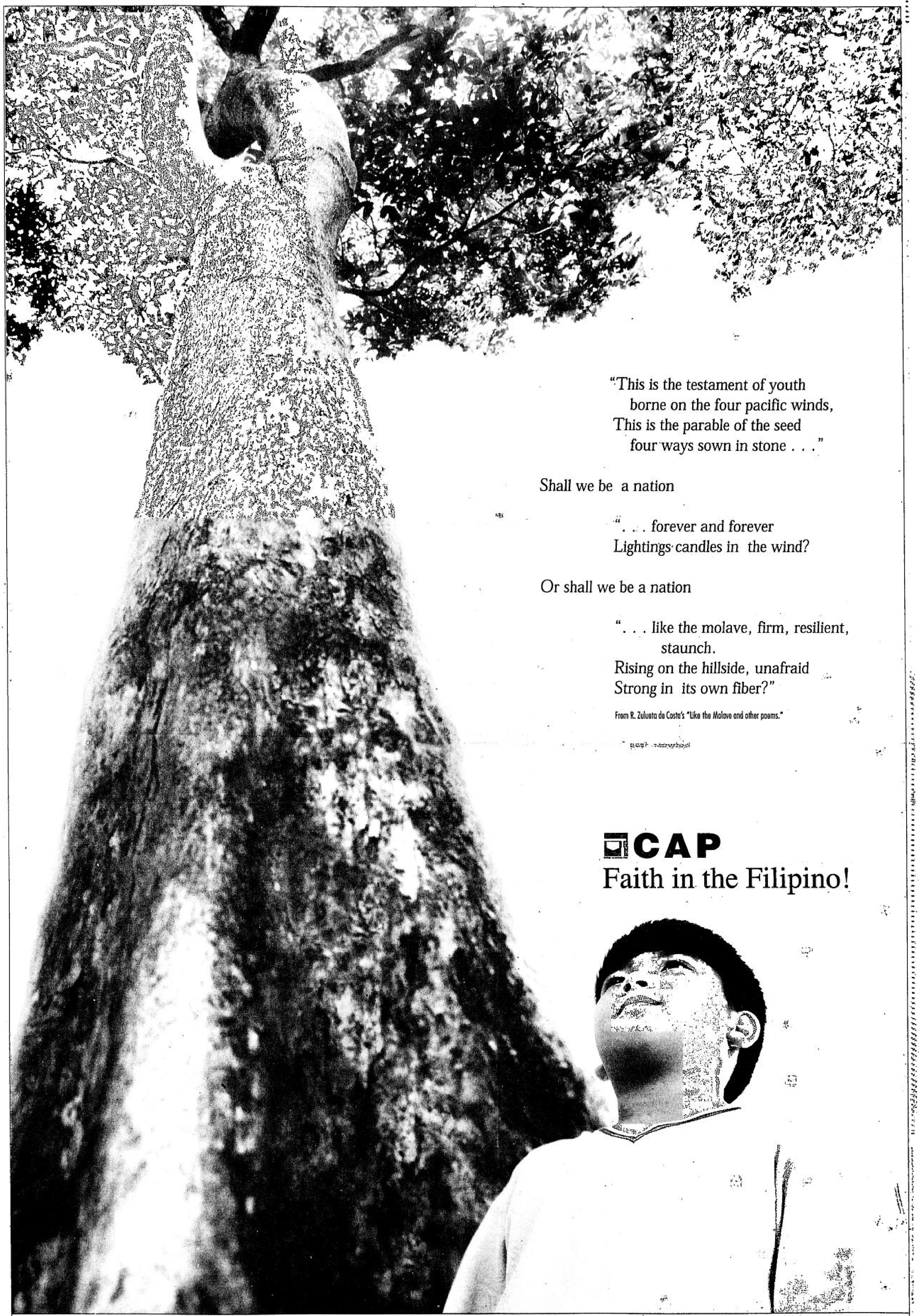

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A film . . .

(From page A22)

futuristic suburbia—pure Spielberg.

Like the resilient Teddy Bear that accompanies David on his odyssey, the bed is something kids who see "A.I" are going to want their parents to buy.

Cutting edge

Perfectly complementing Spielberg's screenplay is the cutting-edge lighting and camerawork. The contrast between the texture of the first and last part of "A.I." is startling. The cinematographer uses nostalgic lighting to depict David's life at the Swinton home. This portion looks like it was illuminated with the golden sunlight of a fall afternoon.

When David has to fend for himself halfway into the film, the key light sources become heartlessly artificial neon. Toward the end, it becomes monochromatic—the somber blue of the ocean depths.

Subtly reinforcing and embellishing all these visual cues is John Williams' wonderful, variegated score, one of his richest and most resonant works ever.

Like the best movies, "A.I." pushes a variety of emotional buttons. Want to cry? Try the scene where Monica tries to get rid of David in the forest. You want nail-biting suspense? Shudder through the sequence where David approaches a sleeping Monica with a pair of scissors. Want to be outraged by man's cruelty to machines? Check out the Flesh Fair sequence, where discarded androids are tortured to the delight of humans in a carnival atmosphere.

Not for everyone

Though "Artificial Intelligence" has lots to offer, it isn't a movie for everyone. You'll love it or hate it. Even die-hard Spielberg fans will be split as to whether it's an unqualified masterpiece or simply a curious experiment in his career.

"AI" is the world's first science fiction fairy tale movie. If you believe in wishing upon a star, you'll probably be moved to tears by it. If not, you'll wonder why a master filmmaker like Steven Spielberg couldn't think of a more satisfying ending.

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Allan K has made a name for himself as a stand-up comedian. He became more popular when he joined the daily noontime show, "Eat Bulaga," where viewers from Aparri to Jolo enjoyed his antics.

It was "Eat Bulaga" host Joey de Leon and the management of TAPE (Television and Production Exponent Inc.) who tapped Allan K to join the noontime show, after they saw him at the Library sing-along bar six years ago.

Aiza is also a product of "Eat Bulaga," where she won runner-up honors in the Little Miss Philippines contest in 1987.

Lately, however, Aiza has reinvented herself as an acoustic hitmaker, when she scored quadruple platinum with her solo album which spawned the hit single, "Pagdating ng Panahon."

"Myusik and Laffter" will be one hilarious and entertaining show, combining Allan K's comic flair and Aiza's singing talent.

Writer-director of the show is Andrew de Real, who will weave the magic combination between the two performers, with the sprinkling of the grooves of the Sex Bomb Dancers.

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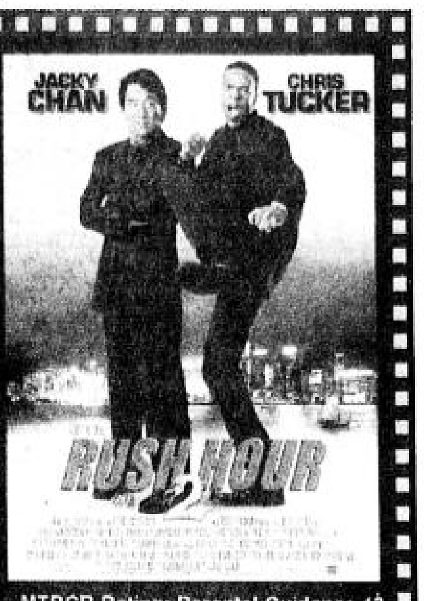
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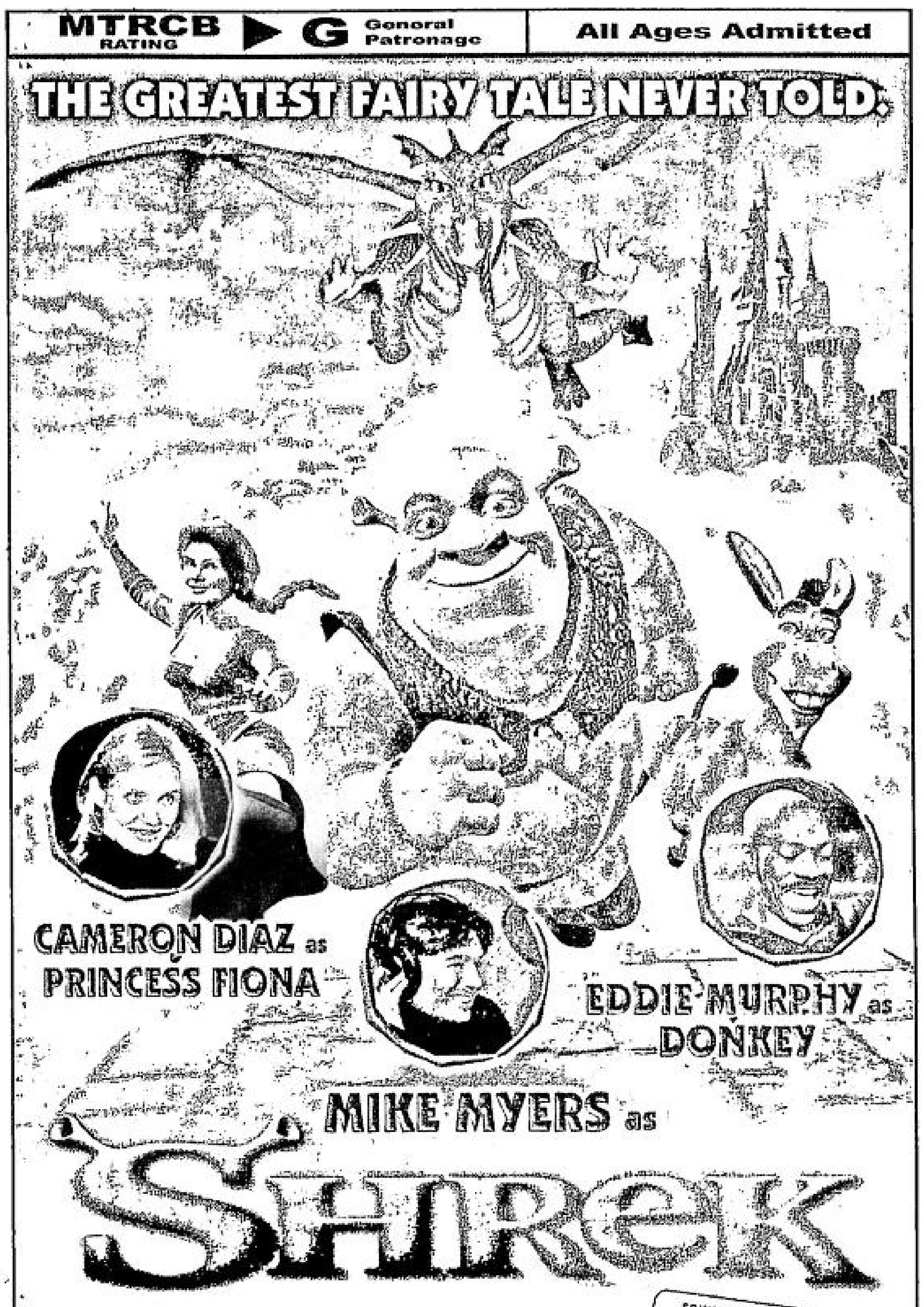
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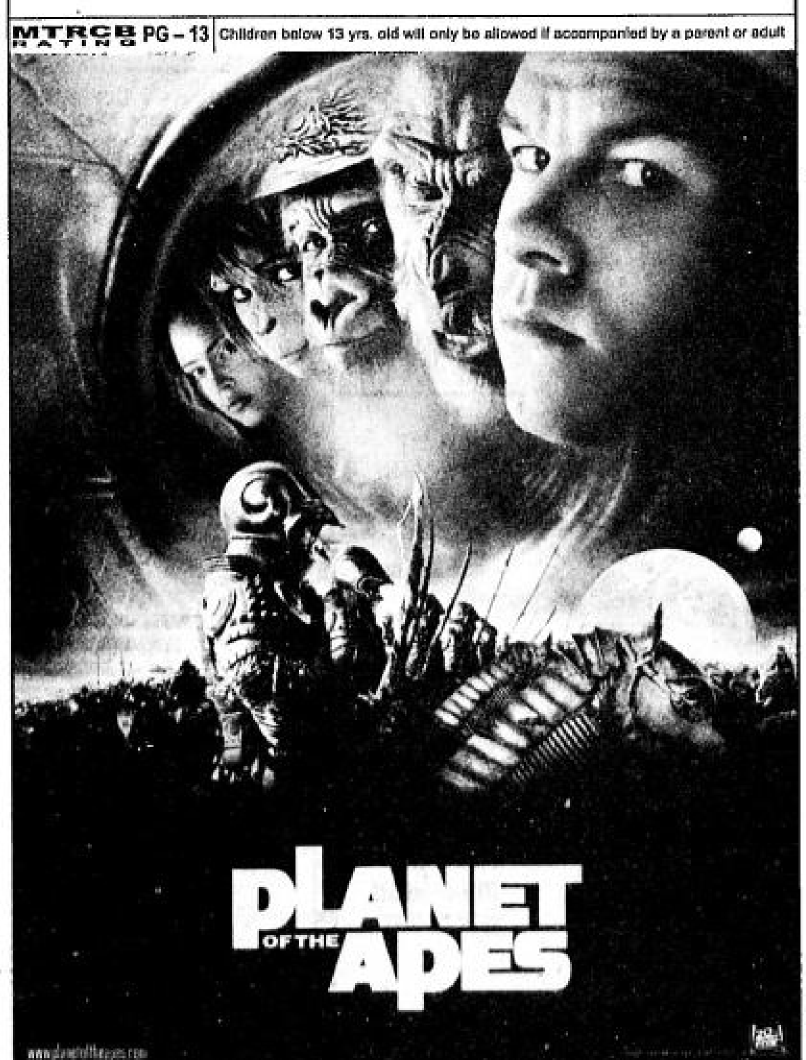
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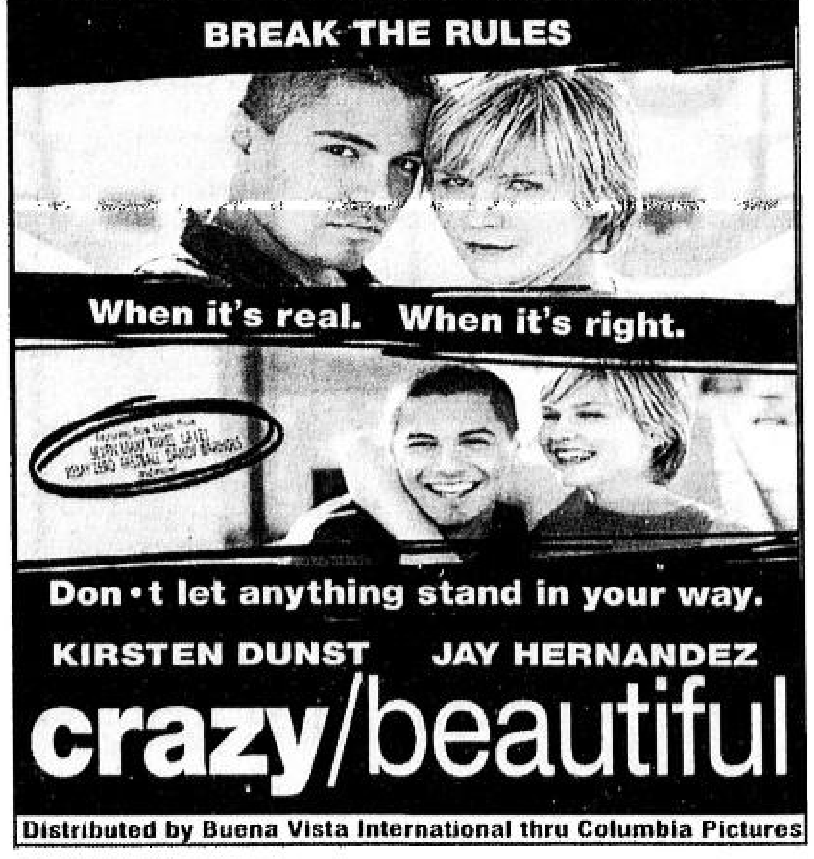
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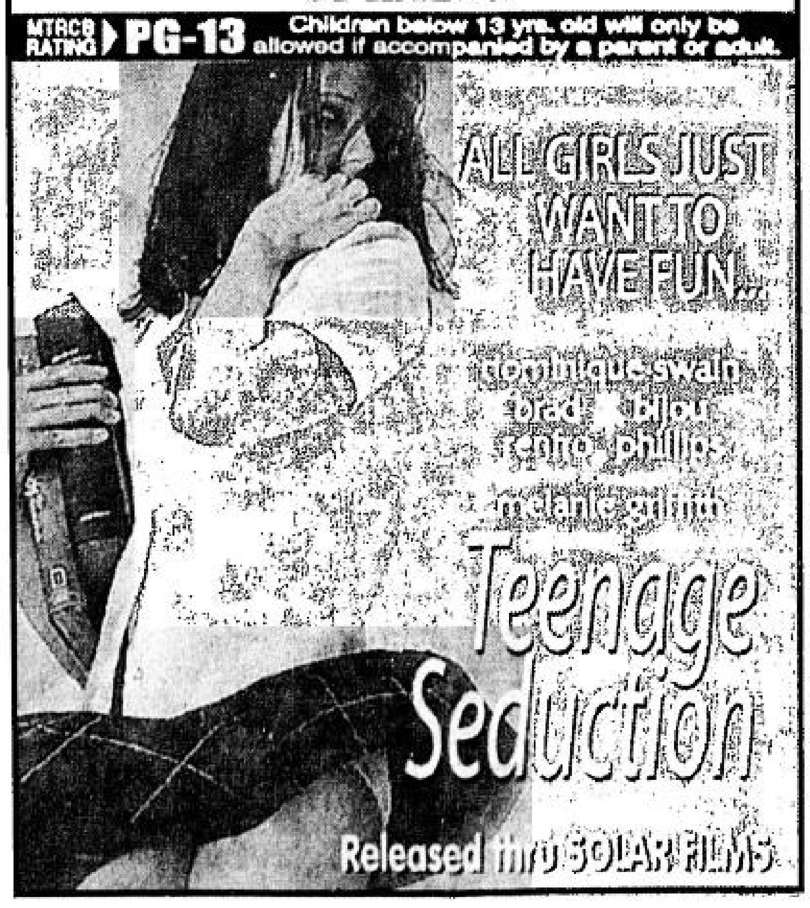
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LOUIE C. CAMINO, Editor

Angelina Jolie takes on new role as UN goodwill ambassador

GENEVA—Horrified by the plight of Afghan refugees, US star Angelina Jolie took on a new role as UN goodwill ambassador Monday to try and lure her young fans away from her exploits as superheroine Lara Croft to the desperate needs of refugees.

The actress was formally appointed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) during a short ceremony in Geneva, part of an effort to make young people more aware of the millions of refugees whose lives have been wrecked by war.

"What we really need is a person like Angelina to show her personal commitment as a young person to convince young generations that something has to be done," UNHCR chief Ruud Lubbers said, referring to the 22 million people the organization is responsible for.

"That is why we asked her to become our ambassador," he said, while formally giving Jolie a UNHCR blue passport.

The star of Hollywood blockbuster "Lara Croft" follows in the footsteps of actors Yul Brynner, Sofia Loren and more recently Barbara Hendricks in taking up the cause.

According to the UNHCR, it was Jolie herself who took the initiative to contact them and offer her help, after being deeply shocked by the plight of refugees during her travels.

"In Sierra Leone, I met refugees for the first time. It completely changed me," said Jolie, who also toured camps in Tanzania and Cambodia.

But it was the fate of refugees from Afghanistan, ravaged by years of war and hit by the worst drought in memory, housed in overflowing camps in Pakistan, that convinced her to act.

"Pakistan is the worst situation . . . and it seems to be worsening. They're living in situations that I don't think anybody in this room could survive in for a few days. I admire them and I'm very worried for them. It's overwhelming," she said during a press conference.

"I was surprised to sit down with those women and children and talk with them. They were so kind, and warm and funny and generous and hardworking and gracious for any little help they could get," she said, her voice breaking with emotion.

The actress said she would bring her cause to the US Congress to "speak about different issues and support. I will speak directly to the people of my country, just to bring more awareness" about the work of the UN.

AFP

Industry people seek Speaker's support in fighting piracy

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

MEMBERS of the entertainment industry had an audience with Speaker **Jose de Venecia** Monday night to seek his commitment of support for the proposed anti-piracy bill.

The dinner meeting was initiated by film producer **Marichu Vera-Perez Maceda** and was held at the Speaker's residence in Dasmariñas Village, Makati City.

It was attended by film producers, singers, composers, actors, directors and talent managers who have been crusading against piracy.

There were also representatives from local TV stations like PTV 4, GMA 7, RPN 9 and ABS-CBN.

The same group has been rallying against the 20 percent tax increase to be imposed on entertainers starting Sept. 1.

The members of the industry propose to strengthen the law on antipiracy and support the passage of a broader anti-piracy act that will explicitly recognize and protect the intellectual property rights of performers.

De Venecia vowed to help members of the industry to pass House Bill No. 11855, known as the entertainment media anti-piracy bill. It was recently refiled by Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos in the 12th Congress.

Also supporting the bill are the "Spice Boys," represented Monday night by Surigao del Norte Rep. **Ace Barbers**.

But the members of the industry need sponsors in the Senate for a counterpart bill before the bill can be passed as a law. So far, only Sen. **Ralph Recto** has pledged his support to the industry by also supporting the bill.

Recto's heart is close to show biz since he is married to award-winning actress **Vilma Santos**, who has been reelected mayor of Lipa City.

When Maceda told the members of the industry to agree on who could sponsor the bill in the Senate, a veteran actress remarked, "Let us first agree on how to get **Ramon Revilla** out of the Senate," which drew laughter from the other people in the meeting.

The House committee on public information will deliberate on the anti-piracy bill.

Maceda urges industry members to make their contributions to improve the bill and make a strong and visible stand for it.

House Bill No. 11855 proposes to curtail entertainment media piracy in the Philippines and reorganize the Videogram Regulatory Board (VRB) into the Entertainment Media Regulatory and Anti-piracy Board (EMRP).

The VRB was created under Presidential Decree No. 1987. The bill that seeks to replace the VRB with the EMRP says the latter shall be placed under the Office of the President.

Poem by Martin

DURING the last stretch of the meeting, **Martin Nievera** was busy on his Nokia 9210 palmtop, composing a poem that he sent through text to my editor, **Louie Camino**.

Martin was trying to justify why he was against the 20 percent tax increase on entertainers, even if he is one of the high income earners who pay 32 percent tax to the government.

Here goes Martin's poem:

"The lesser gets less and the bigger gets huge
To think of one's self is only safe refuge
I'm nothing without the people behind the production
The sound, the band and the lights
Everyone suffers in this tax increase
From the guy in the front to the guys you don't see
Who gives a damn if unsung heroes speak?
For the strong should fight for the shy and the weak."

Success according to Mystica

HOW do you solve a problem like **Mystica**?

Whenever I saw Mystica defending herself on TV because of the latest controversy about her, I made sure I would not give her space in this column.

But Mystica never runs out of gimmicks so that people will talk about her or so that she will get constant TV and print exposure.

I have yet to see Mystica in a TV interview where she does not shed copious tears.

One time you hear about her having an affair with her driver-bodyguard who is married. And then you see her fighting with an entertainment columnist and denying that she picked up boys in Cubao. Why, she even dragged the names of young actors **Diether Ocampo** and **Piolo Pascual** into that issue.

She also admitted that she tolerates the philandering ways of her second husband in her own home. *"Dahil 'yung hindi ko kayang ibigay sa kanya, napupunuan naman nung isang babae,"* she said.

In a Catholic country like the Philippines where divorce may probably take another lifetime to be legalized, Mystica's statement was downright dismal. What woman, in her right mind, would tolerate such an unfaithful husband?

To Mystica's delight, the show biz-oriented shows pick up her gimmicks and treat them as legitimate news. One time, I even saw her being interviewed by reporter **Lhar Santiago** on GMA 7's early evening newscast, "Saksi." That same week, entertainers were fighting the 20 percent tax increase and yet Mystica's pathetic story was given prominence on the newscast.

In "SIM," the weekly show of **Mario Dumaual** on ABS-CBN, an entire segment was devoted to Mystica. She gets invited to shows like "S-Files" and "The Buzz" to explain her side.

Last week, during the meeting of talent managers, we heard that the managers discussed what should be done about Mystica. Do they censor her confessions on TV? Do they ask her to shut up or do they tell her to spare show biz and the public from her preposterous tales?

I personally know Mystica's manager, *Tita* **Vera Isberto,** who is a member of the Professional Artists Managers Inc. (PAMI). *Tita* Vera used to manage **Jao Mapa**. Let me make it clear that my criticism of Mystica is in no way meant to antagonize *Tita* Vera.

Mystica is one performer you can't ignore. She purposely wears flagrant outfits that never fail to catch attention. I wanted to describe her as a cross-dresser who looked like a gay, but I thought that would be an insult to cross-dressing gays.

Mystica is noted for doing cartwheels and splits which stun viewers.

The former **Ruby-rosa Villanueva** from Cavite married a Canadian and was an entertainer in Canada under the name **Ruby Cassidy.** She returned to Manila and launched her career in the local entertainment scene.

The rumor-hungry public or the purveyors of intrigue might be awaiting the latest buzz about her, but I don't want to join them.

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Manufacturing output surged 11% in June

By Doris C. Dumlao

MANUFACTURING output rose by 11.3 percent in June from a year earlier, suggesting that the economy continued to grow despite a global slowdown.

Preliminary results of a National Statistics Office survey of selected industries showed that production rose 11.3 percent from a year earlier in volume terms, which removes the effect of inflation.

There were double-digit output increases in food manufacturing (28.9 percent), basic metals (35.9 percent), textile (30.6 percent), electrical machinery (14.5 percent), and non-metallic mineral products (20 percent), the government agency said in a statement.

However, double-digit declines were seen in wearing apparel (28.6 percent), paper and paper products (21.8 percent), wood and wood products (19.3 percent), rubber products (13.6 percent), furniture and fixtures (17.4 percent) and miscellaneous manufactures (15.2 percent.)

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The figure "does seem to endorse the optimism expressed by government officials" that gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 2.8-3 percent would be achieved in the three months to June, said David Cohen of Standard and Poor's MMS International.

"We're looking at (production) volume to grow at 5 percent compared with the previous projection of flat growth for the full year," he told the AFP-owned financial news service AFX-Asia.

The growth came despite the sharp contraction in Philippine export receipts and compares with the modest 1.2-percent rise in May.

Some analysts attributed the then sharp rise in the year-on-year manufacturing volume to the replenishment of inventory by local producers as well as the increase in the consumption of locally made basic goods as a substitute to more expensive imported goods.

The production value of the manufacturing industry likewise rose 18.2 percent during the month.

Worldsec International Securities Philippines research head Eric Claudio said: "It's a relief but it's not a guarantee that we're out of the woods."

Claudio explained that the increase in production volume could have been caused by inventory replenishment for domestic consumption, especially since demand from offshore markets continued to be weak as indicated by the slowing exports.

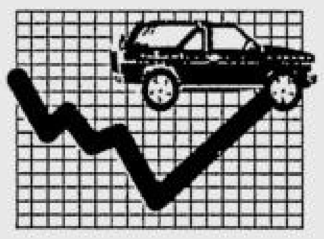
"Inventory is investment that doesn't require a lot of confidence

OUTPUT/ B3

New tax scheme seen to jack up AUV prices

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE BOARD of Investments is pushing for the imposition of a uniform 15-percent excise tax on cars and light commercial vehicles (except buses) and the use of retail price instead of engine size or number of seats in assessing taxes.



Although the BOI claimed that the move was meant to prevent price manipulation and tax evasion, it would jack up prices of Asian utility vehicles whose resilient sales have kept the industry above waters since the 1997 Asian financial meltdown.

Assemblers are able to keep AUVs affordable because these are exempted from paying excise taxes since they have 10 or more passenger seats based on Bureau of Internal Revenue regulations.

The government currently slaps excise taxes on vehicles based on engine size—15 percent for 1600cc gas and 1800cc diesel engines; 35 percent for 2-liter gas and 2.3-liter diesel engines; 50 percent for 2.7-liter and 3-liter diesel engines; and 100 percent for more than 2.7-liter gas and 3-liter diesel engines.

A BOI source said the agency has pushed for a flat tax rate and the use of the vehicles' sticker prices in assessing taxes as a means to prevent assemblers from sacrificing quality (such as using a lower engine size) in order to keep prices low.

The BOI has supported the proposal provided that it would not lead to lower government revenues. Based on the plan, buyers will pay the excise tax prior to the release of the vehicle from the dealership or registration with the Land Transportation Office.

AUVs have been widely credited for saving the industry from total collapse due to the financial crisis. Last year, AUV sales surged 18 percent to 55,136 units from 46,847 units the previous year. They now account for 30 percent of total vehicles sold in the market.

AUV assemblers Toyota Motor Philippines Corp. (Tamaraw Revo), Mitsubishi Motor Philippines Corp. (Adventure) and Isuzu Philippines Corp. (Hi-Lander) have vigorously opposed plans to impose excise taxes on their units because it would derail the development of these hybrid models. Assemblers are betting that AUVs are the country's best bet for export to other countries.

With the planned imposition of excise taxes, the sticker prices of AUVs are expected to increase between 15 percent to 50 percent, which would make them beyond the reach of their main market—middle-income, first-time buyers who use them for both business and personal transport.

Brunei to send study team for petrochem plan

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE GOVERNMENT of Brunei will soon send a team to look into a possible $84-million equity in the proposed $600-million naphtha cracker project in Bataan.

President Macapagal-Arroyo announced the other day upon arrival from a state visit to Brunei that Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah expressed interest in the petrochemical project.

Energy Secretary Vicente S. Perez, who accompanied the President, yesterday said the Sultan would send officials to study their possible participation in the project.

"If the deal pushes through, this would translate to $84 million in investment from the Brunei government," Perez said in an interview.

He explained that of the $600-million project cost, $360 million would be covered by loans while $240 would be in equity. This means that Brunei's prospective infusion of $84 million will represent 35-percent equity.

State-run Philippine National Oil Co. is leading 12 local and foreign firms that have signified interest in the project.

PNOC president Ta.lmo Y. Cunanan earlier said that the firm was studying a possible joint venture with Taiwan-based China Petroleum Corp.

Cunanan said they were looking at a possible joint-venture agreement being signed within the year with China Petroleum.

BRUNEI/ B4

Queries, not pressure, from US on laundering law

By Clarissa S. Batino

FINANCE Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho yesterday admitted that the United States had raised the status of the anti-money laundering law in the course of the Philippine government's application for registration of some $800 million in bonds with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

However, the finance chief denied that the US government had linked the approval of the securities registration to the passage of an anti-money laundering law.

"They had earlier written the Philippine government to request for additional information, including the status of an anti-money laundering law given the publicity that the subject matter had attracted in recent weeks."

"We have furnished them the information they asked for. But there was never any pressure," the finance secretary said.

"The passage of the anti-money laundering law is in the hands of Congress. I am confident the Congress will do whatever it thinks is best for the country and will not allow any foreign sovereign to meddle in our legislative process," Camacho said.

But a former finance official said that if there was indeed no pressure, there was no reason why the US SEC would withhold its approval. Last year, the Department of Finance was able to register $1.2 billion worth of securities before the US SEC in less than two weeks.

'With the delayed approval, the issuance of at least $500 million worth of 10-year global bonds could be pushed back by a month or two from the original schedule of September.

The Philippine government only had $400 million worth of unissued securities from last year's $800 million worth of approved global bonds.

The delay in the global bond issue, according to a trader from a foreign bank, was benefiting US-based investment bank Credit Suisse First Boston, which had closed the deal before fears of an Argentinian loan default hit the market in mid-July.

The US banker had reportedly agreed to underwrite the deal at a spread of only about 5.3 percentage points over the London interbank offered rate when spreads on emerging market borrowings had widened by at least a percentage point since the reported default of Argentina.

Camacho had noted that the 10-year global bond deal might not be sold by Credit Suisse to the public and instead sell the Philippine government borrowing only to a few institutional investors through a private placement.

Without any takers, the US-based investment bank may even simply hold on to the debt notes until the spreads have tightened so it can minimize losses for having agreed to underwrite at spreads considered very cheap for the Philippine government.

The Paris-based Financial Action Task Force had given the Philippines until the end of next month to legislate a law against money laundering. Otherwise, the country would be retained in the list of 17 nations perceived to be uncooperative and whose financial transactions with the rest of the world would be keenly scrutinized.

Money-laundering is the "cleaning" of funds raised from illegal activities such as drug-trafficking, kidnapping and racketeering.

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While international groups had recognized the effort of the central bank in instituting administrative anti-laundering measures, the Paris-based task force wanted to see a law in place.

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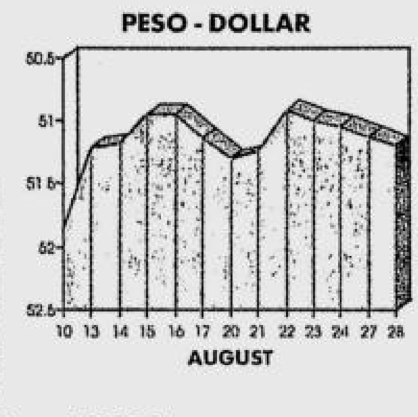

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United Kingdom	Pound	1.584055	1.444500	73.9237
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.140597	0.128210	6.5613
Switzerland	Franc	0.657756	0.599808	30.6958
Canada	Dollar	0.712317	0.649562	33.2420
Singapore	Dollar	0.627711	0.572410	29.2937
Australia	Dollar	0.579237	0.528206	27.0315
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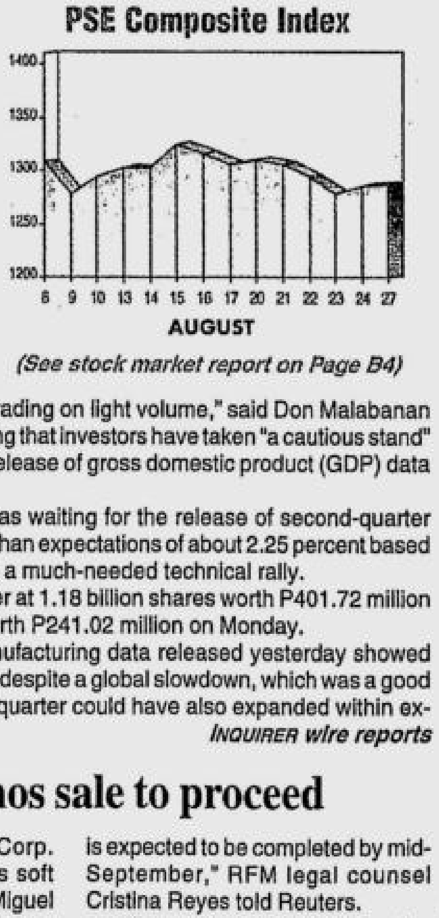

(See stock market report on Page B4)

SHARE prices fell 0.4 percent in listless trade yesterday ahead of the government's release of economic growth data later this week, brokers said.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index shed 4.99 points to close at 1,282.49

"Right now, the market is trading on light volume," said Don Malabanan of A and A Securities Inc., adding that investors have taken "a cautious stand" while awaiting government's release of gross domestic product (GDP) data tomorrow.

Traders said the market was waiting for the release of second-quarter GDP numbers which, if higher than expectations of about 2.25 percent based on a Reuters poll, could spark a much-needed technical rally.

Volume turnover was higher at 1.18 billion shares worth P401.72 million from 892.96 million shares worth P241.02 million on Monday.

Analysts said positive manufacturing data released yesterday showed that the economy was growing despite a global slowdown, which was a good sign that GDP for the second quarter could have also expanded within expectations.

INQUIRER wire reports

RFM says Cosmos sale to proceed

FOOD conglomerate RFM Corp. said yesterday the sale of its soft drink unit to beer giant San Miguel Corp. would proceed as it has not been served a court order to stop the process.

On Monday, the Quezon City Regional Trial Court extended an order temporarily halting the sale process of Cosmos Bottling Corp. to San Miguel by an additional 17 days, encompassing a period during which San Miguel's due diligence on Cosmos was supposed to be completed.

"The due diligence will continue. We have not gotten any reaction from San Miguel. The due diligence is expected to be completed by mid-September," RFM legal counsel Cristina Reyes told Reuters.

The court issued the extension order based on a petition by Rep. Augusto Syjuco who said Cosmos failed to meet the terms of the sale of his Jaz Cola group to the company in 1996.

Syjuco on Aug. 24 obtained a restraining order, which was effective only until Monday.

Analysts were divided on whether the move would threaten the deal reached between RFM and San Miguel on Aug. 6 to sell Cosmos to

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A TAXING DEBATE

DOF sees ₱20-B loss from tax system shift

BY CLARISSA S. BATINO

FINANCE Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho has admitted that a shift to a gross modified tax scheme from the current income tax system will lead to losses of about P20 billion.

The losses would come from an adjustment in taxes of individual taxpayers that would have to be compensated by corporate taxpayers, he said.

Estimates by the Department of Finance show that the government will earn about P9 billion from a shift to a gross modified tax scheme. At least two finance officials, however, doubt this figure.

"I believe our losses will be lower than P20 billion from individual taxpayers," Camacho said, as he disputed earlier reports from Malacañang that the shift would lead to losses of about P28 billion.

Camacho said the finance department would continue to push for a shift to a gross modified tax scheme before Congress, denying reports that he was undecided on what tax measures to pursue to increase the government's tax-related income.

"There is no change in position on the gross modified tax. Once we have finished, we will present it to Congress," he said.

Camacho said the DOF would pursue a redefinition of the country's taxes on motor vehicles.

The government is seeking to lift the exemption from excise taxes given to manufacturers of Asian-utility vehicles.

An adjustment in excise taxes on beer and tobacco products, which is expected to augment the state's pockets by P10 billion, is also on the department's agenda, according to the finance secretary.

"We are still pushing for all three measures, and we are now studying whether automobile taxes can be done through administrative measures," he said.

Camacho was earlier reported to be considering either a shift to a gross modified tax system or an overhaul of the country's auto-related taxes to augment the government's tax revenue.

Either measure will give the government at least P9 billion and complement a proposed adjustment in excise taxes on beer and tobacco products so there is no need to pursue both, according to a senior finance official, who sought anonymity.

Camacho was said to have made two presentations to Congress and was undecided which of the tax measures—a shift to a gross modified tax system or an auto tax overhaul—to choose.

A person familiar with the matter said the first presentation was focused on an increase in so-called sin taxes to factor in inflation and a shift to a gross modified tax system. The other presentation included an increase in sin taxes and the redefinition of the auto taxation structure, he said.

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LRTA sees steady growth in ridership

BY ABIGAIL L. HO

THE LIGHT Rail Transit Authority has seen a steady increase in revenues, as more and more people use its coaches.

"We have increased daily availability from 24 to 29 trains to meet the long queues, especially during peak hours," LRTA chief Teodoro Cruz Jr. told the INQUIRER.

Cruz reported that as of end-July, the country's light rail system was carrying over 10 million passengers a month, giving the LRTA some P103 million worth of revenues. The number of LRTA passengers barely broke the nine-million mark in May, but grew to 9.6 million the following month, he said.

Revenues, he said, also increased from more than P89 million in May to over P96 million in June. Average daily gross sales have also seen a steady climb, from P2.8 million in May, P3.2 million in June and P3.4 million in July.

Cruz stressed, however, that despite its steadily growing revenue, the LRTA still had a huge debt to pay, although it had become self-sufficient in terms of operations.

"We can more than afford our expenditures, but our main problem is debt servicing. Our revenues can't possibly fund this," he said.

The LRTA currently owes over P21 billion, most of them long term.

"We generated an income of P137 million as of end-April, but we posted a net loss of P232 million for the first quarter, brought about by non-cash charges like depreciation and amortization," LRTA finance officer Eleanor Domingo said.

Interest expenses on foreign and domestic loans amounted to more than P268 million in the first quarter, she said.

New measures to boost gov't tax take by ₱5B

THE BUREAU of Internal Revenue is looking forward to collecting some P4.6 billion in additional revenue from three new regulations that the Department of Finance has approved.

In an interview, a finance undersecretary, who sought anonymity, said the BIR was expecting at least P3 billion from its voluntary assessment program, which allowed taxpayers to settle erroneously paid, as well as unpaid, tax liabilities.

Another program that offers delinquent taxpayers and bankrupt firms 60- to 90-percent discounts on their tax liabilities is expected to haul in some P1 billion, while an increase in the withholding tax slapped on entertainers and professional athletes is seen generating about P600 million.

A person familiar with the matter said the BIR was expecting the full-year impact of these measures to begin in 2002.

The BIR decided earlier to offer delinquent taxpayers and bankrupt firms 60- to 90-percent discounts on their tax liabilities to avoid being drawn into long-running and expensive cases.

In a new regulation, the BIR agreed to collect only 40 percent even from individuals and companies whose tax liabilities were doubtful.

Insolvent companies and those with zero or a negative net worth or had been non-operational for at least three years will only have to settle 10 percent of their assessed tax liabilities, according to the new regulation.

Persons without jobs and those whose only source of income is from employment with a monthly salary of P10,500 or P21,000 for married couples need only to pay 10 percent of their liabilities.

The compromise rate of 40 percent for delinquent taxpayers may even be negotiable, according to the BIR.

The BIR, however, excluded from availing of the compromise rate companies sued for criminal tax fraud, including Fortune Tobacco Corp. of beer and tobacco tycoon Lucio Tan and Best World Resources Corp. of Estrada ally Dante Tan.

The government has filed a P25-billion tax evasion case against Fortune Tobacco. It is assessing P40 billion worth of taxes on the Marcos estate and P1 billion on Best World.

The new policy was one of several regulations that the BIR started implementing this month.

The BIR doubled to 20 percent of their salaries the withholding taxes slapped on entertainers and professional athletes.

BIR Commissioner Rene Bañez has expressed confidence the BIR will be able to collect over P388 billion worth of taxes this year, although it is already running P13.3 billion short of its target.

The agency's continuing reform measures should help it meet its target this year, which has already been scaled down by 5 percent from the original P408 billion, he said.

In the first seven months of the year, the BIR collected only P229.676 billion compared with a target of P242.991 billion. To meet its target, the agency would have to collect at least P158.3 billion from this month to December, traditionally a lean tax-collection season. *Clarissa S. Batino*

Fertilizer firms plan own blending facilities

BY CHRISTINE A. GAYLICAN

THE COUNTRY'S biggest fertilizer companies are planning to invest in small blending facilities to boost earnings.

In an interview, Fertilizer Industry Association of the Philippines president Raul Aristorenas Jr. said his group would invest in blending facilities in some towns to lift the industry's output by 10 to 15 percent.

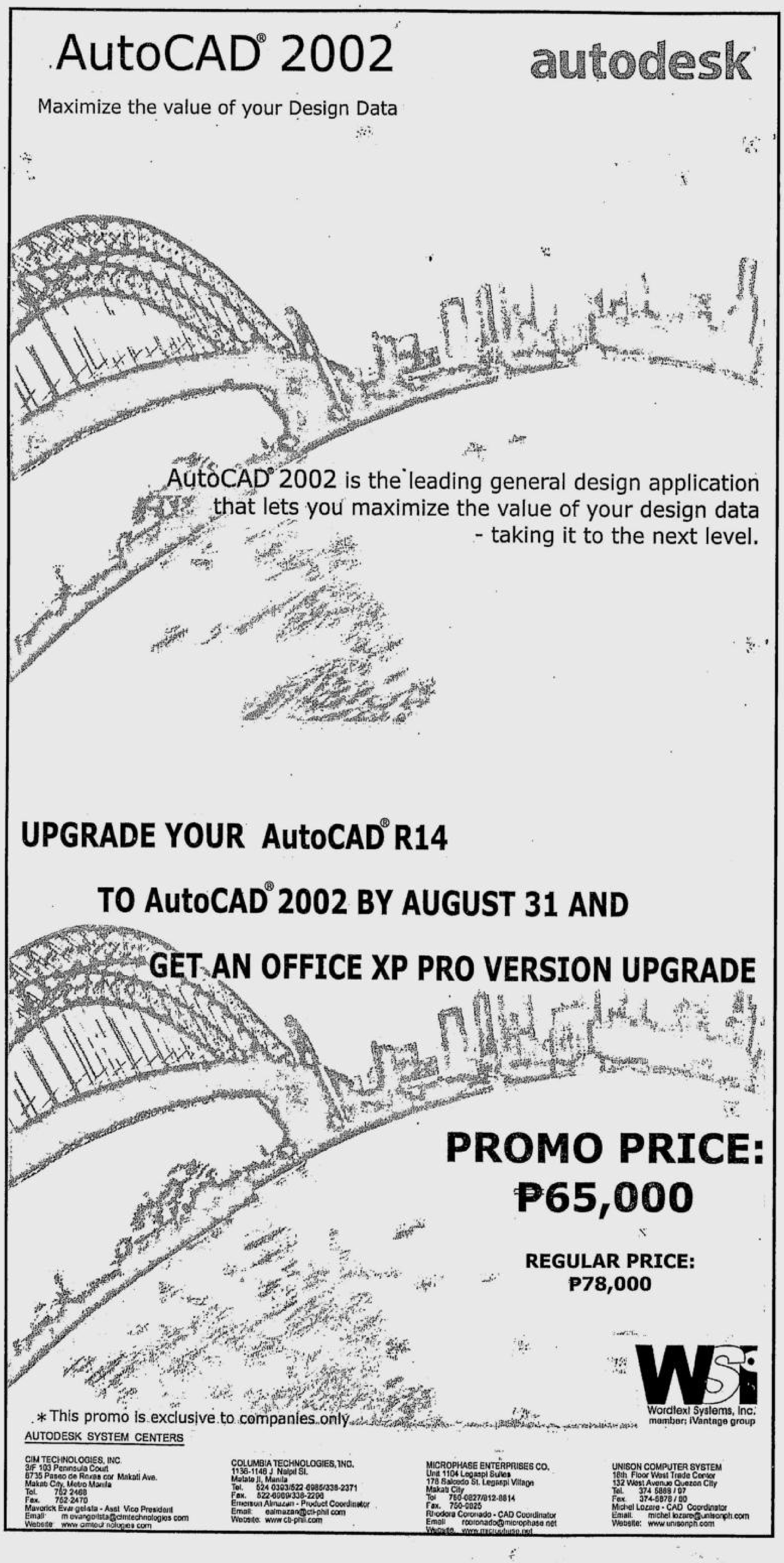
The local fertilizer industry's production has been kept below P10 billion over the past 12 years.

"Investing in fertilizer blending facilities, which can accommodate 10,000 to 20,000 metric tons, will allow us to introduce new fertilizer packs of 10 kilograms and 50 kilograms, which are more saleable to small farmers," Aristorenas, head of Bulk Commodities and Chemicals Corp., told reporters.

A fertilizer blending facility costs around P1.25 million to P1.5 million to build.

Aristorenas said such a facility would complement the local fertilizer industry's plan to consolidate its shipments to cut costs.

Since they are currently importing 60 to 65 percent of their raw materials, local fertilizer companies have been hit hard by the peso's weakness against the US dollar, The local currency has hit above 54 to a dollar due to a series of political and economic problems that hit the country last year and early this year.



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in the future. If people continue to buy you are forced to replenish your inventory," Claudio said.

Eagle Equities president Joseph Roxas, on the other hand, said the increase in local manufacturing volume could have been caused by import substitution.

"People are buying local goods because of the higher foreign exchange rate and lower smuggling of imported goods," Roxas said.

He added that the higher volume of food production could have been led by the poultry sector, as reflected by the higher chicken sales of food companies like Vitarich Corp.

The value and volume of net sales for June also grew by 14.2 percent and 5.4 percent, respectively, buoyed by the rebound in the electrical machinery, basic metals and transport equipment sectors.

"It could be a blessing in disguise that there is not much strong linkage between our export performance and the manufacturing industry. It's still too early to celebrate though, because if exports continued to suffer it could affect the local manufacturing sector through reduced domestic consumption," Claudio said.

The country's export receipts shrunk by 24.7 percent year-on-year in June, the worst contraction since the 1970s.

Meanwhile, the proportion of establishments that operated at full capacity, or between 90 to 100 percent, slightly dropped by 1 percentage point to 20.4 percent. About 40.6 percent of the responding establishments operated at 70-89 percent capacity while those operating below 70-percent capacity accounted for 38.8 percent, higher by 6.3 percentage points compared to year-ago figures.

The NSO report was based on the response of 448 sample establishments, which comprised 86.3 percent of the total number of manufacturing establishments covered by the survey. *With a report from AFP*

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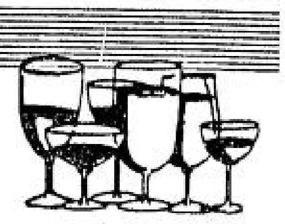

By Victor C. Agustin

WISHING to weigh in on the raging text controversy, where previously cat-and-dog Smart and Globe have now teamed up to simultaneously slash down on free text messages, Señor Bob O. de la Yuca sent this limerick, which he dedicates to his *Castilaloy* idols and their newly found El Indio ally.

It is a takeoff from Jose Rizal's *Mi Ultimo Adios*:

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The congressman and the socialite II

TO THOSE who have asked, called, or e-mailed us asking about the identity of the congressman who was caught in bed with a socialite by no less than the socialite's father (Cocktales, Aug. 27, 2001), here are two more clues.

The congressman is a graduate of the UP Law School. The socialite, on the other hand, is about five or six years older than the congressman.

Bebot's counter-offensive

AFTER being on the receiving end of a series of critical full-page ads, Transportation and Communications Secretary Pantaleon "Bebot" Alvarez has finally met with the oppositors to the Naia Terminal 3 project and handed the group what they had been demanding all along—copies of the Erap-amended B-O-T contract.

That should effectively quash allegations that there had been "secret" and "illegal" amendments that Alvarez had inexplicably been withholding to protect the German-Chinoy consortium that is building the new international airport terminal.

And in a move to find allies, Alvarez has invited key members of the Makati Business Club for a walk-through to the still unfinished terminal.

The DOTC chief said he is confident that he can sail through the Commission on Appointments on the issue of his and his wife's divestment from Wintrack, a subcontractor currently doing work for Terminal 3.

Short takes

- ROBINSON'S is opening a mall this Friday beside the Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall at the

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MAKATI SPORTS A/B*	-	350,000/400,000*
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QUEZON CITY SPORTS	220,000	230,000
RIVIERA GOLF A/B*	-	230,000/400,000*
ROCKWELL CLUB	600,000	600,000
STA. ELENA GOLF	1,800,000	1,825,000
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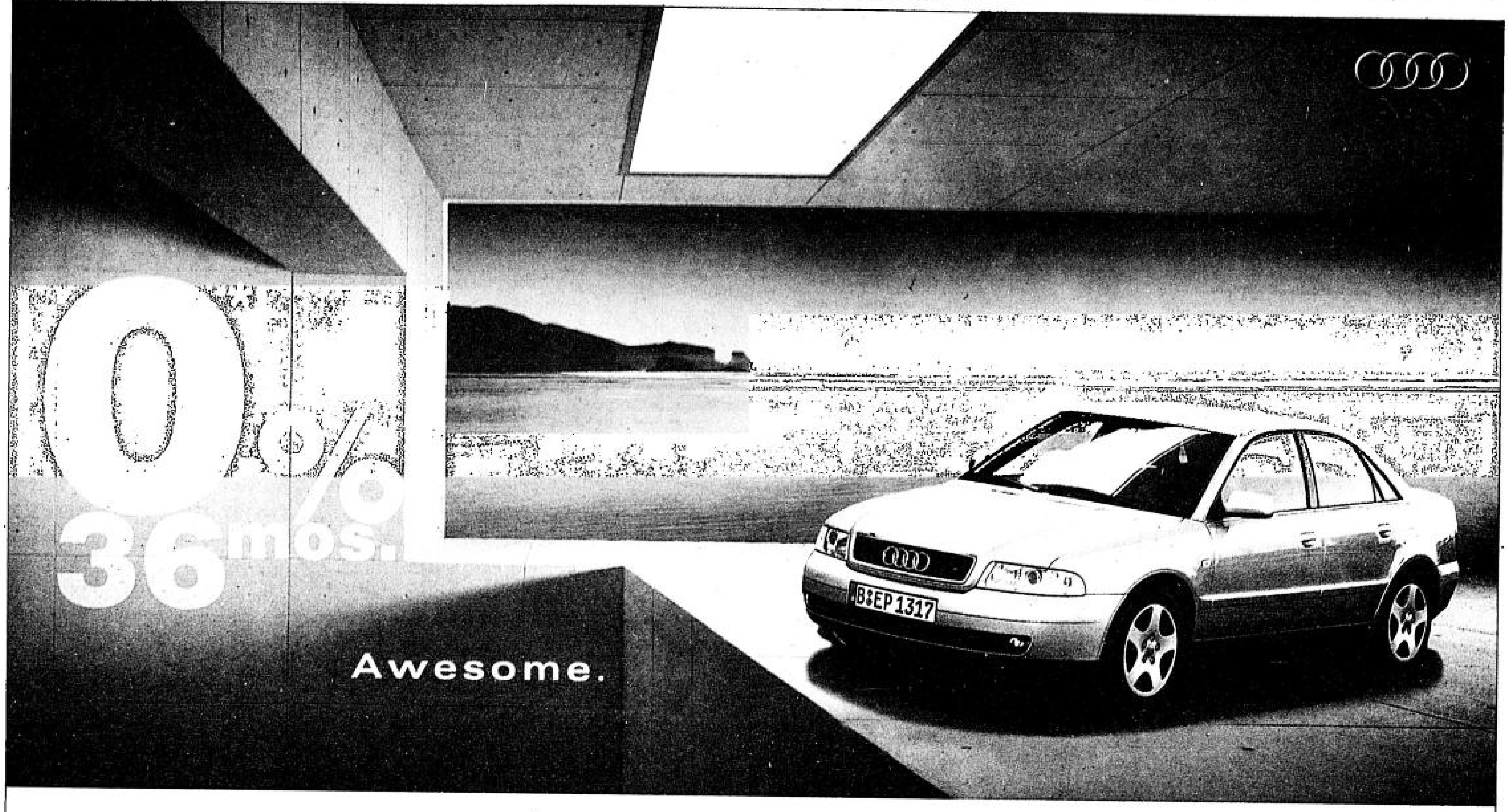

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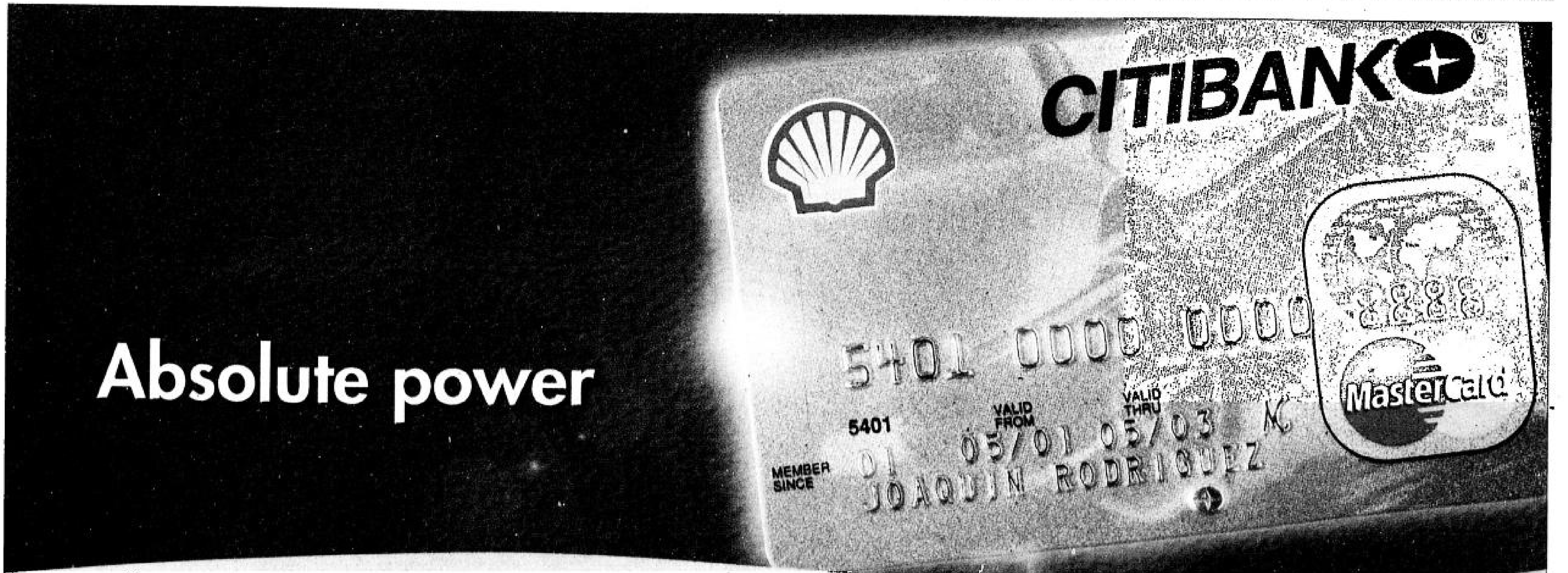

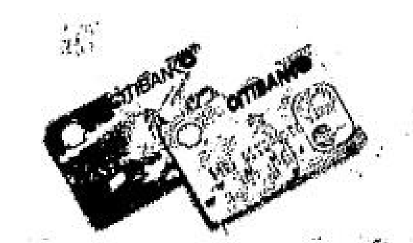

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GMA buyout seen by year's end

By Abigail L. Ho

MEDIAQUEST Holdings Inc., wholly owned subsidiary of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., is set to complete the acquisition of GMA Network Inc. before the year ends.

"We're doing some scoping of the issues that should not be part of the selling," Mediaquest president and CEO Antonio Samson said in an interview yesterday.

The deal was supposed to have been finalized before the end of this month, but both parties are still talking to finalize the terms of the buyout.

"It's a continuing process. We're always in touch with each other. After the due diligence, we submitted our findings and then we have to submit our comments. That's where we are now (in the process)," he said.

Mediaquest and GMA signed a memorandum of agreement last February for the PLDT unit to acquire a controlling stake in the country's second largest broadcasting network for P8.5 billion.

But Samson said the stated acquisition cost in the MOA might still change as they move toward closing the deal.

"The price is set on final acquisition. Nothing is binding yet," he said.

Asked whether or not there was still a possibility of the deal not pushing through, he said that possibility could not be discounted.

"There are deal breakers, like if either of us don't like some terms of the due diligence. Both of us can still walk away," he said.

However, he also said that talks were already in their advanced stages so it was more likely that they would push through with the deal.

"There is a desire on both parties to proceed with the deal. We're ready to complete the deal," he said.

He mentioned that there were talks with a possible foreign partner who would infuse by way of Philippine depository receipts and not hold common shares as this was prohibited by law.

"It's an option we have to look at because local investors are in a non-investment mode," Samson said.

Other GMA businesses may or may not be part of PLDT's acquisition. "We might decide to keep them or not to keep them," he said.

Meanwhile, GMA-owned Citynet 27, home of Channel V in the Philippines, has been off the air since last month in preparation for reformatting as soon as the PLDT-GMA deal has been closed.

"In our (initial) talks (with GMA), we agreed to reformat that," Samson said.

He added that a Mediaquest unit, Nation Broadcasting Corp., owns MTV Philippines, so having another music channel was no longer practical.

"We need to have a new offering for channel 27 because we already have a music channel. It will be reformatted into something else, most probably a niche market different from Channel 7, which caters to the mass market," he said.

In another development, PLDT president Manuel Pangilinan said a foreign strategic partner for the Sky-Home partnership was still a big possibility.

"We already have a strong local partner so it will be better to bring in foreign exchange into the country," he said.

However, cable TV is still classified under broadcast so it has to be fully owned and controlled by Filipinos.

"There's a pending bill in Congress (to address this). Cable TV is more of a pipe, a passive medium that doesn't produce content," he said.

He also mentioned plans to put up a direct-to-home satellite television service, but after the Sky-Home merger has "settled down."

"We have to make some adjustments so we have to wait a few more months," he said.

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CONSULTANCY SERVICE PACT

President Macapagal-Arroyo beams with approval as Allen Roxas, president of State Investment Trust Inc. (Siti), seals a consultancy services contract with Goh Song How, chief executive officer of JTC Consultants (Singapore) Pte Ltd. (JTCC). Siti and JTCC signed an MOU at the Oriental Hotel during President Macapagal's Singapore state visit, providing a conceptual master plan and development consultancy services for Siti's prime 78.6-hectare property beside Ayala Alabang Village. JTCC is a subsidiary of the Singapore government. Looking on from left are Trade Secretary Mar Roxas, Aline Wong, Minister-in-Attendance, and Lim Chee Onn, co-chair of the Philippine-Singapore Business Council.

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However, he said the pospect might be "hard to achieve" since China Petroleum, itself a state firm, had to seek the go-ahead of the Taiwanese parliament.

The former ambassador also said PNOC was aiming for a 34-percent equity in the joint venture, which would be the same as that of the strategic partner.

"The remaining 32-percent could belong to one of the 12 firms which have expressed interest in the naphtha project," Cunanan said.

The 12 firms include Petron Corp., Petrochemicals Corporation of the Philippines, Bataan Polyethylene Corp., Sumitomo Corp., Mitsubishi Corp., Itochu Corp., Mitsui & Co., Marubeni Corp., BP Amoco PLC, Philippine Resins Industries Inc., D&L Industries and JG Summit Petrochemical Corp.

The naphtha cracker, targeted to be operational by mid-2004 or 2005, will manufacture raw materials needed for the production of plastic products.

Without the cracker, the country remains dependent on imported raw materials for the petrochemical industry.

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San Miguel for P14.5 billion.

But they agreed the development would make investors cautious.

Syjuco was the former chair of the Jaz Cola group which mainly operates in the Visayas region.

In the petition, Syjuco alleged Cosmos failed to pay him the balance of P400 million of the Jaz Cola group's total selling price worth P1.168 billion. He also said Cosmos did not pay the correct amount of taxes following the sale.

Acting Judge Modesto Juanson extended the restraining order to prevent the sale of Cosmos, which includes the Jaz Cola franchise, to San Miguel from proceeding while the court was hearing Syjuco's case.

The court will hear the case on Aug. 30-31 and Sept. 3-4.

Reyes said RFM has no remaining dues to Syjuco.

"The legal department of RFM has not been served with the copy of the order. And as far as we are concerned, Mr. Syjuco was paid as early as 1997," she said. *Reuters*

Philippine Stock Exchange

(As of Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2001)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	8,000
Bank of the Phil. Islands	63	63.5	62.5	63	230,000
China Banking Corp.	610	610	610	610	260
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	31.5	31.5	31.5	31.5	14,700
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	200	202	197	197	145,950
Philippine National Bank	52.5	53.5	52.5	53.5	1,188,700
Security Bank Corp.	19.25	19.5	19.25	19.5	300
Union Bank of the Phil.	22.5	22.5	22.25	22.25	17,100
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
First Metro Invest. Corp.	244	244	244	244	180
Manulife Financial Corp.	1515	1525	1515	1525	2,640
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1220	1230	1215	1230	16,080
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	34	34.5	34	34	11,500
Diversified Fin. Network	5	5	5	5	2,000
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49	20,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	640	645	640	640	104,350
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.031	0.031	0.031	0.031	1,500,000
Liberty Telecoms Holdings	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	960,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	535	535	525	525	40,000
Ivantage Corp.	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	110,000
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.033	0.033	0.031	0.032	33,900,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	32	32.5	32	32	61,900
Manila Electric Co. B	44	45	44	44.5	624,800
Petron Corp.	1.78	1.82	1.78	1.82	402,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	630,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	1.94	1.94	1.94	1.94	624,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	200,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	30,000
Republic Cement Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	20,000
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.28	1.3	1.2	1.3	121,000
Union Cement Corp.	1.18	1.24	1.18	1.24	881,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.04	2.04	2.04	2.04	1,000
Cosmos Bottling Corp.	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.7	892,000
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	25	26	25	26	55,100
RFM Corp.	2.26	2.28	2.16	2.16	2,158,000
San Miguel Corp. A	40.5	40.5	40	40.5	638,900
San Miguel Corp. B	56	56	55.5	55.5	41,700
Universal Robina Corp.	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	95,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.66	0.66	0.65	0.65	40,000
Ayala Corp.	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.4	1,754,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	1.54	1.54	1.52	1.54	522,000
Alliance Global Group Inc.	11	11.25	11	11	1,600
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.86	0.89	0.84	0.88	2,650,000
A. Soriano Corp.	0.44	0.45	0.44	0.45	450,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.009	0.0095	0.009	0.0095	851,000,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	10,000
Balabac Resources & Hldgs.	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	50,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	300
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.62	1.68	1.62	1.68	3,295,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.125	0.13	0.125	0.125	370,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.185	0.185	0.17	0.185	510,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	4,550,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.26	0.27	0.26	0.27	520,000
Ebecom Holdings Inc.	0.115	0.13	0.115	0.125	2,620,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	0.87	0.88	0.87	0.88	240,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	30	30	29.5	30	212,500
Global Equities Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	4,700,000
Guoco Holdings (Phils.)	0.24	0.25	0.24	0.25	500,000
Ionics Inc.	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	500
Ipeople Inc. B	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.04	34,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.84	1.84	1.82	1.82	78,000
Macroasia Corp.	1.32	1.36	1.32	1.36	65,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.72	0.73	0.7	0.71	2,620,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.39	0.39	0.38	0.38	440,000
Music Corp.	1.4	1.4	1.32	1.32	98,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	250,000
Unioil Res. & Holdings Co.	0.06	0.105	0.06	0.105	2,400,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.19	0.2	0.19	0.2	80,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Matsushita Elec Phil Corp.	5	5	5	5	6,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	20,000
Pryce Corp.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	20,000
Philippine Seven Corp.	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	5,000
Central Azucar Don Pedro	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	200,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	13.25	13.25	13	13	101,500
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.5	0.5	0.48	0.48	360,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.5	0.53	0.49	0.53	3,150,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	30,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	34	34.5	34	34.5	12,200
Cosmos Bottling Corp.-Pref.	11	11	11	11	400
DMCI Holdings Inc.-Pref.	520	520	520	520	50
Equitable Pci Bank-War	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1,000
Globe Tel. A-Warrants	460	465	460	465	420
Omico Corp. Warrant	0.0022	0.0022	0.0022	0.0022	14,000,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series T	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	400
PLDT (10% Pref) Series U	10.5	10.5	10.25	10.25	2,500
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,200
PLDT (10% Pref) Series X	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,100
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10	10	10	10	3,000
Philweb.Com Inc.-Warrants	0.013	0.013	0.011	0.012	78,800,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	4.8	4.95	4.8	4.85	7,642,000
Cityland Development Corp.	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05	5,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	100,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.38	0.4	0.38	0.38	6,960,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	1,030,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.96	1.96	1.92	1.92	573,000
Keppel Phils. Prop. Inc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	100,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	200,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	10,000
Primex Corp.	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	5,000
Phil Realty and Holdings	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	200,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6.1	6.1	6	6	3,202,000
Universal Rightfield Prop.	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	700,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	2,000,000
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	3,000,000
Itogon-Suyoc Mines A	0.044	0.044	0.042	0.042	16,100,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.165	0.165	0.165	0.165	170,000
Omico Corp.	0.0038	0.0038	0.0038	0.0038	42,000,000
Polar Mines & Dev't Corp.	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	4,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	500,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.019	1,300,000
Interport Res.	0.0042	0.0044	0.0042	0.0042	18,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.004	0.004	0.0038	0.0038	26,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	24,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. A	0.195	0.195	0.195	0.195	120,000
The Philodrill Corp. B	0.25	0.25	0.2	0.2	400,000
Pacifica	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	5,800,000
South China Resources Inc.	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	10,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	110,000

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PRO	20,747,000	60,836,810.00
Mining	67,770,000	1,167,850.00
OIL	75,740,000	520,000.00
GRAND TOTALS:	1,186,786,930	401,463,725.00
AVERAGES		
Banks & Fin Svc	528.40	DOWN 3.08
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,816.71	DOWN 1.59
PRO	495.02	DOWN 2.94
Mining	1,255.86	DOWN 5.28
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DISCLOSURES

ALASKA Milk Corp. bought 2,000 of its shares at P2.04 per share.

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METRO Alliance Holdings and Equities Corp. announced the resignation of Kasigod Jamias and Michael Leo Luna as the company's president and treasurer, respectively. Elected to replace Jamias was Renato Magadia. Luna is still general manager of the company while Aristeo Cruz was elected treasurer.

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EXPRESS Holdings Inc., wholly owned subsidiary of **JG Summit Holdings Inc.,** bought 100,000 shares of **Universal Robina Corp.** at P4.70 per share.

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CEBU Holdings Inc. denied having any information that could explain the 39.19-percent decrease in its share price that fell from P0.37 to P0.225 per share.

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DTI to hold consultations on free text cutback plan

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE DEPARTMENT of Trade and Industry is planning to hold public consultations on the unpopular plan of cellular mobile phone operators to drastically reduce their free text or short message service (SMS).

Trade Undersecretary Adrian Cristobal Jr. said the DTI would like to determine whether the rights of mobile phone subscribers were unduly transgressed by mobile phone operators with their unilateral decision to cut the number of free text messages accorded to subscribers.

Cristobal said the DTI has to get more information from the providers on the rationale for the free text messages cutback.

"Free text messages were offered as a come-on or perk when they offered post-paid and pre-paid subscription to consumers. We want to know the reason for the sudden change of terms," Cristobal said.

Based on the DTI's consumer welfare policy, Cristobal said it was unfair for companies to suddenly change the terms of their contract after inducing the consumers with these perks because these were among the reasons why they subscribed to the service in the first place.

"I would like to stress that the DTI is conducting its own research on the issue and we have yet to make a decision on whether the mobile phone operators have violated consumer rights. We don't have to wait for a formal complaint to act on what we believe is a growing outcry from users on the cutback," Cristobal said.

Cristobal said the DTI would take its cue on the investigation being made by the regulators, specifically National Telecommunications Commission, on the simultaneous cuts in free text messages by Smart Communications Inc., Pilipino Telephone Corp., Globe Telecoms Inc., and Isla Communications Inc.

Smart and Piltel are controlled by the First Pacific group while the Ayalas run Globe and Islacom.

The DTI has taken a more aggressive pro-consumer rights stance since Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas II took over. Last year, the DTI forced Smart and Globe to hasten their expansion programs to improve their services that have been the subject of numerous complaints. The DTI also chided the two leading providers for their aggressive marketing efforts without first building the infrastructure to accommodate demand.

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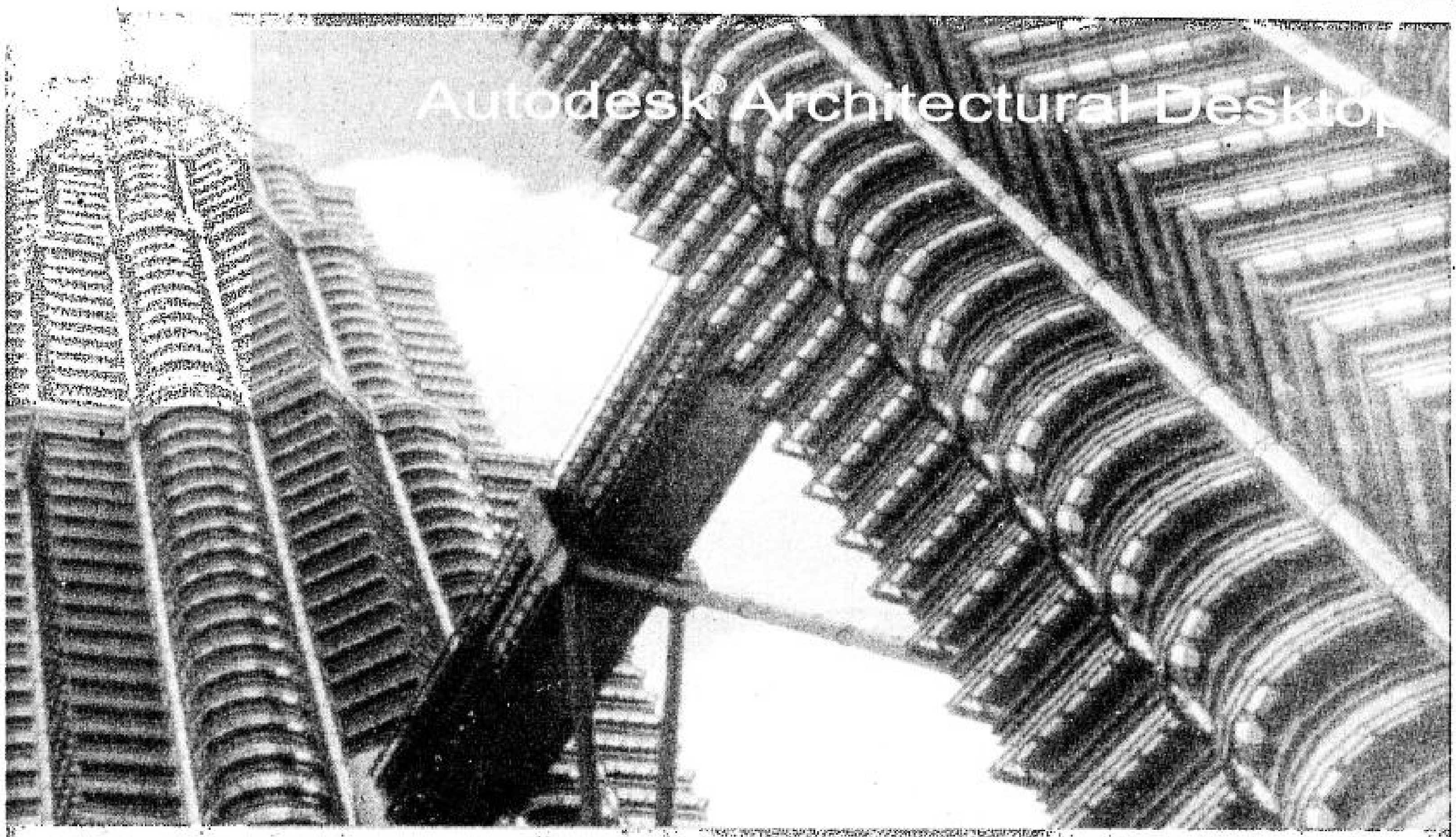

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SEC issues rules on steel firm auction

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission has imposed a P500-million performance bond on groups vying to lease and operate the facilities of National Steel Corp. in Iligan.

This was contained in the NSC bidding guidelines released yesterday by the SEC, which leads the government body tasked to oversee the revival of the steel company.

Bidders are given up to Sept. 21 to submit their offers.

The performance bond covers the lease payment for the facilities and payment for power, water and insurance expenses for one year.

Shortlisted for the bidding were Swiss metal trader Glencore International, Cathay Pacific Steel Co. and Allengoal Steel Fabrication & Trading.

The lease contract involves the rehabilitation, operation and maintenance of all or any of NSC's facilities, such as hot mill plant, cold mill plant, electrolytic tinning line, billet shop, and all ancillary facilities.

The guidelines said the proponents should have adequate financial capability to sustain the requirements of the project. To prove a bidder's capability, he is required to place a P500-million deposit to be held in escrow in a reputable bank or financing institution.

The proponent is also required, on completion of the plant rehabilitation and immediately before operation of the plant, to turn over an operation performance security in the form of cash, manager's check, standby letter of credit or bank guarantee equivalent to the P500 million.

The proposal should contain two components—technical and financial offers. The technical offer should address the rehabilitation and operation phases of the project while the financial offer should contain the lease price.

"Bidders must indicate the proposed life for the lease of the plant. In addition, they should disclose plans, if any, for the plant after the expiry of the lease. These plans may include an extension of the lease of total or partial acquisition of the plant. In the case of an acquisition option, an investment structure should accompany the offer," it said.

Urban to start paying depositors, claimants

ALL depositors of Urban Bank and claimants of Urbancorp Investments Inc. are advised by Export and Industry Bank (Exportbank) to complete documentation requirements for the initial settlement of up to P500,000 in claims each beginning Sept. 14, Exportbank president Benjamin P. Castillo said.

The funds for the initial payout, Castillo said, have already been turned over by the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC).

The National Association of Urban Depositors and Creditors Inc. (Naud)) has joined Exportbank's call for completion of documentation requirements.

Castillo said Exportbank could have started settling claims two weeks earlier but a review of records showed that necessary documents have yet to be completed.

Interests, however, will be paid to depositors and creditors for the period Sept. 1 to Sept. 13, 2001.

The new payment schedule was approved by PDIC, he said.

Under the rehabilitation program of the Urban group, the remaining balance of deposits and claims will be settled over the next three years.

The Exportbank official said that depositors and claimants of Urban Bank could proceed to the secretariat on the 36th floor of the EIB Plaza (formerly Urban Plaza) at Sen. Puyat Avenue corner Chino Roces Avenue in Makati, City.

Depositors and claimants should submit original and photo copies of identification papers and proof of deposits or placements.

Checking accounts will be opened for them. Depositors and claimants can start withdrawals on Sept. 14.

Urban depositors and claimants outside Metro Manila are advised to proceed to the Urban Bank branches in Baguio City, Bacolod City, General Santos City, and Cebu City, and to EIB branches in Iloilo City and Davao City starting Sept. 10.

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• CESAR Bautista, Reynaldo Concepcion, Delfin Enriquez Jr., and Vincent Lim made it to the board of the Manila Polo Club in Monday night's election. Now comes the hard part—how to increase the club's flat revenues and, at the same time, reduce soaring operational expenses.

Heard through the grapevine

TAIPAN Alfonso Yuchengco has to personally call up from overseas to correct an announcement made during a private party last week that he was supposed to have married a celebrated pianist, a widow, among other eligible matrons whom he has been seen in public in countless occasions.

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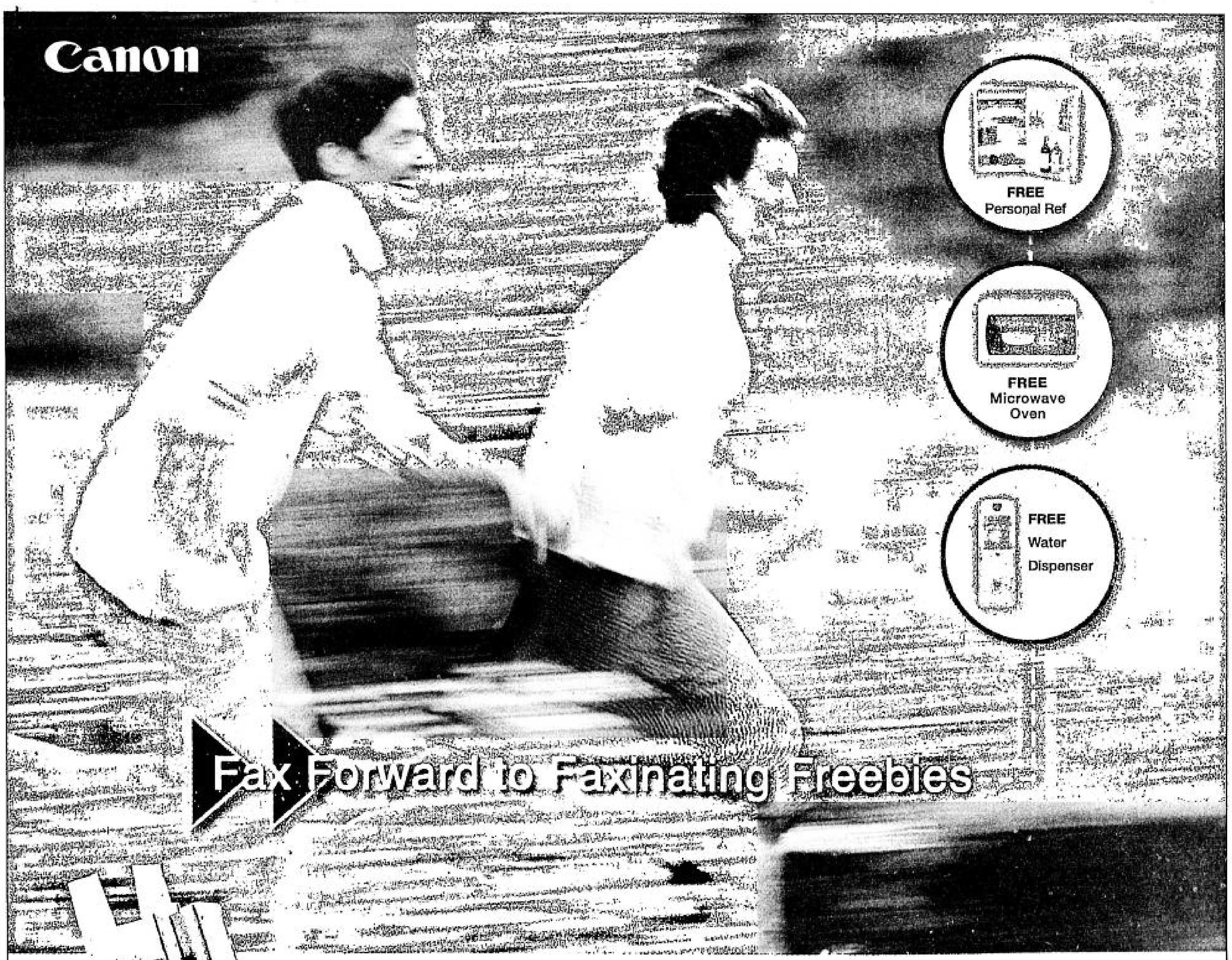

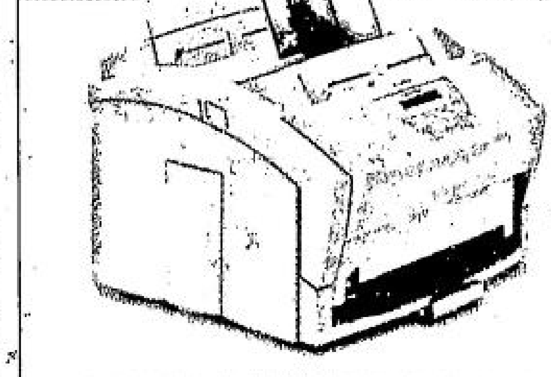

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NEW STRATEGIES

Loom weavers face hard times

By Chito A. Fuentes
PDI Visayas Bureau

TAGBILARAN CITY—Bohol's loom weaving industry is facing a rough time but is trying to weather the storm, said Blair Panong, a senior specialist of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

The century-old loom weaving industry had been one of Bohol's homegrown industries that have broken into the export market.

There are 4,375 loom weavers in Bohol. Loom weaving started as an alternative source of income in Bohol but it eventually became the province's main source of livelihood.

The weavers have been documented in the towns of Inabanga, Tubigon, Buenavista, Calape, Danao, Alburquerque, Valencia, Corella and Panglao.

However, Panong said there has been a decline in the demand for the product.

He said a loom weaving cooperative in Tubigon used to receive orders ranging from P400,000 to P500,000 quarterly. Now, he added, the orders have dropped to about 50 percent.

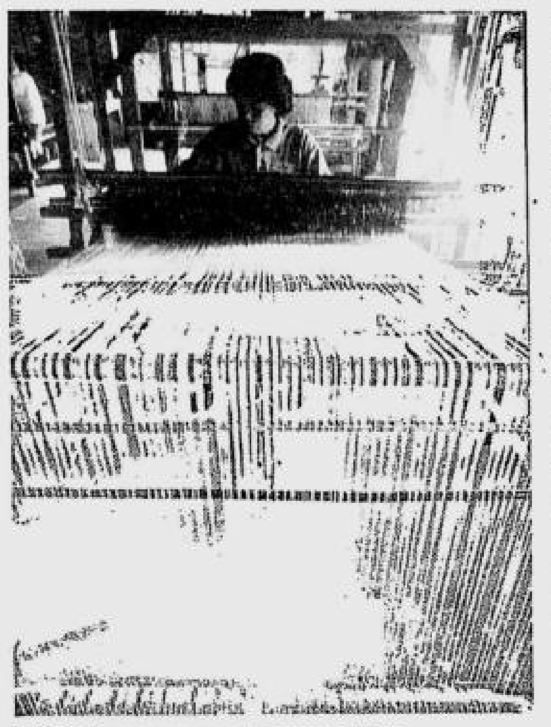
Weavers in Inabanga town also reported a 30- to 35-percent drop in the orders.

In the past five years, the loom weaving industry had accounted for about 60 percent of the total demand for the product in the country. Antique, Aklan and some parts of Mindanao share the rest of the market.

Panong cited several factors for the decreasing demand such as the international economic downturn and the competition posed by China, Madagascar and Taiwan.

Other contributing factors are the dearth of quality raw materials, tough competition among local producers, wanton gathering of buri leaves and leaf sheaths, and migration of skilled workers.

Local weavers are finding it difficult to compete with their foreign counterparts in the export markets because of pricing. Foreign competitors can sell their products at a range lower than that of the Philippines because their labor costs are lower.



BOHOL weavers seek new markets.

This is the reason why Bohol has started focusing on unexplored markets such as the former Russian federation, Spain, Australia and New Zealand.

Quite surprisingly, the loom weaving industry is also being threatened by the rising demand for raffia grass skirts (better known as the hula-hula skirts.)

Panong admitted that raw material processors preferred to make grass skirts than weaving raffia. This is because making grass skirts does not entail quality control and going through hot bleaching and dyeing processes.

The increasing demand for raffia fibers has also sent the price soaring to as much as P100 per kilo. Panong said this was 100-percent higher than the buying price in the local market.

At the same time, the unpredictable weather condition has caused fiber processors to reduce their production volume.

To weather the storm, Panong said weavers have resorted to what they called "bread and butter design."

The plain designs make the products easier to market considering that they have many uses like bag materials, wall coverings and for school project requirements.

Weavers have also adapted the mixed media presentation where raffia is woven with other indigenous materials like *cogon*, *tikog* and *buntol* fiber. The products are sold in the domestic market because of the availability of other fibers that can be incorporated into the product.

VMC posts record sugar production

VICTORIAS Milling Co. has ended crop year 2001-2001 with raw sugar production of 4.67 million bags, the highest since 1976, company chief operating officer Arthur N. Aguilar said.

Aguilar, in his report to the VMC management committee, added that the crop year's cane supply of 2.56 million gross tons was the highest since 1993.

The VMC refinery produced 6.2 million bags, exceeding the target of 6 million bags.

Aguilar said the company has allotted P320 million of its internally generated funds to undertake off-season repairs and for capital expenditures including the boiling house expansion project, which was expected to give VMC a sustainable milling capacity of at least 14,000 tons per day.

Plans are underway to construct another cooling tower to comply with the requirements set by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Aguilar likewise said that the management has addressed the concerns of the employees by updating payments to the Social Security System and Pag-Ibig. The company has also updated the payment of retirement benefits that, he said, were left unattended by the previous management despite the availability of funds then.

As part of its SEC approved rehabilitation plan, the company intends to pursue its retrenchment program that will affect 970 employees this year. Aguilar said VMC needs at least P270 million for the retrenchment program. The required funds will come from internal cash generation and advances on sugar sales.

Aguilar said VMC has been transparent in all of its transactions, including the purchase of materials and the sale of certain assets, through its revised purchasing procedures, a publication in the company's website, bulletin boards, national and local advertisements, and the company's in-house newsletter and radio program.

VMC will open crop year 2001-2002 on Sept. 10, 2001.

3 phone firms ink interconnection

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Finally, service has been made the priority of telecommunications players here.

On Aug. 24, the Philippine Communication (Philcom), Misamis Oriental Telephone System (Misortel) and Cruz Telephone Co. (Cruztelco) interconnected their systems as mandated by Executive Order No. 59.

The agreement spares telephone subscribers of these companies from spending on long distance charges, which they normally incur for calls made to subscriber of another company, even if that call is only within the city.

The interconnection agreement was signed by officials of the three phone companies in a ceremony attended by Gov. Antonio Calingin of Misamis Oriental and lawyer Armi Jane Borje, deputy commissioner of the National Telecommunication Commission (NTC).

The NTC official said that with the interconnection, development would now focus on the services that the players could offer their subscribers.

Prior to the interconnection, subscribers of these firms have to contend themselves with making calls to co-subscribers, because they find the charges for calls made to subscribers of other companies prohibitive.

"With the interconnection agreement, the telephone companies, in order to keep and expand their venture, will now focus on how they can keep or invite more clients by providing them service satisfaction. So, the name of the game now is service," Samuel Young, NTC regional director for northern Mindanao, said.

Presently, Philcom and Misortel have about the same number of subscribers at about 15,000 each, while Cruztelco has 2,000 subscribers.

With the interconnection agreement, the NTC also urged the telecom players here to level their monthly charges. Philcom charges their subscribers a minimum of P200 a month, while Misortel collects P230.

Cruztelco's monthly subscription rate is P300.

"What we see in the future, now that more and more telephone companies are interconnecting, is that calls within Mindanao will be considered as local calls. Toll free," Young predicted. ***Butch D. Enerio, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

500 expected to attend MBC

COTABATO CITY—A business leader here has expressed optimism that a big number of entrepreneurs from neighboring Asian countries will attend the 10th Mindanao Business Conference next month despite reports of rampant kidnapping activities.

Antonio Santos, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry governor for Central Mindanao, said this after announcing the postponement of the Aug. 23-25 conference to Sept. 20-22 upon President Macapagal-Arroyo's request. Ms Macapagal will be the conference's guest of honor and speaker.

The President, who was supposed to be here Saturday, went to Singapore for a three-day commerce and foreign relations visit.

"That's why she begged off and asked for the rescheduling of the conference next month," Santos said.

According to Santos, more than 500 delegates, including 100 foreigners belonging to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean), are expected to attend the confab, amid apprehension of a lean attendance due to the still unresolved kidnap-for-ransom cases in Mindanao.

"It (kidnapping) will not affect the Mindanao conference because the police and the military have already assured the safety and security of the participants," Santos said. ***Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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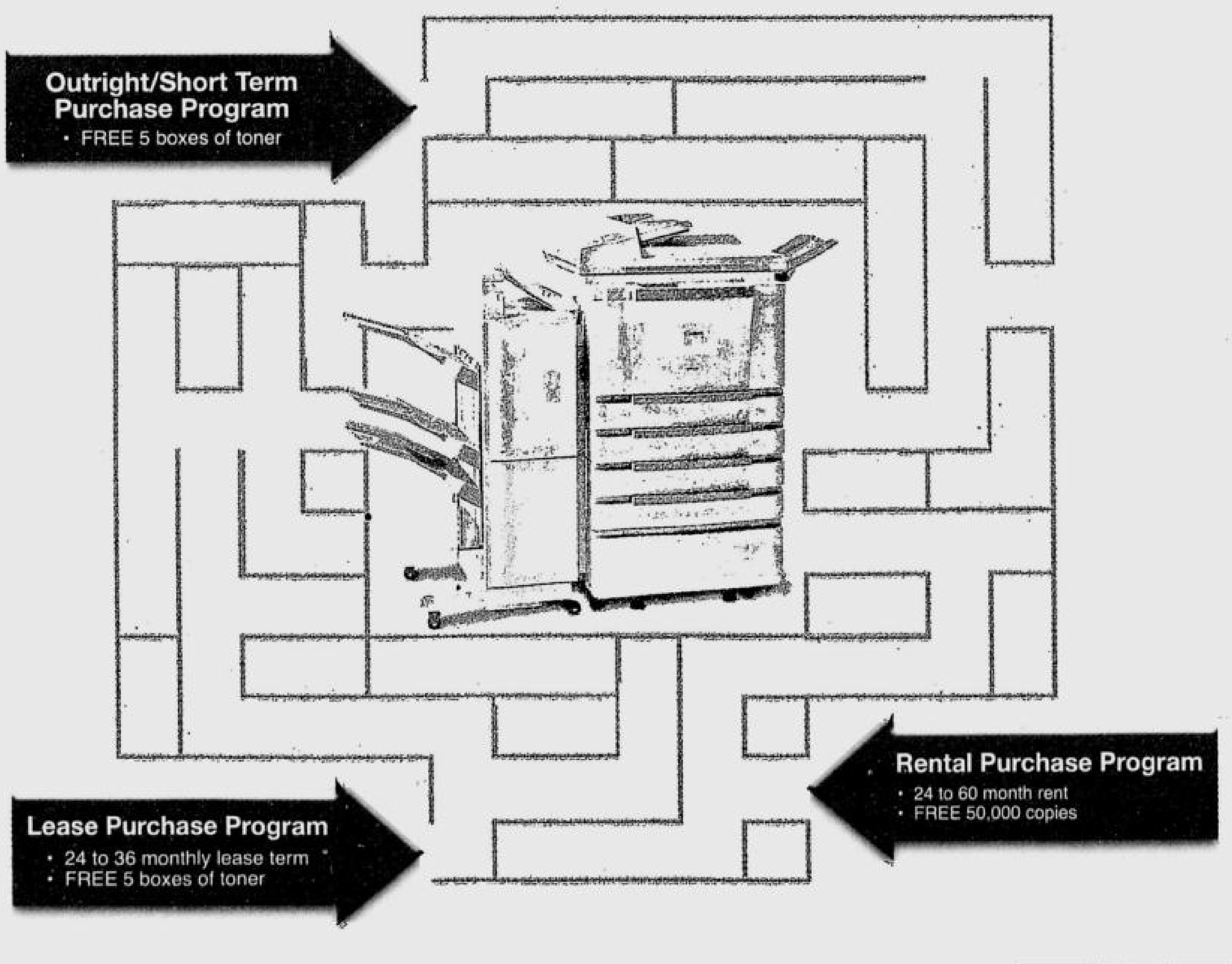

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Shift to int'l accounting standards sought

By Ansbert Joaquin
PDI Central Luzon Desk

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT ZONE—The country can lure more foreign investments if it will adopt international standards in its accounting and auditing practices, former Central Bank Gov. Jaime Laya said here.

"If the Philippines will adopt the international standards in auditing (ISA), as what we are supposed to do, obviously, international financial institutions will have greater confidence in financial statements coming from Philippine companies," Laya told participants in the Association of Certified Public Accountants in Public Practice (ACPAPP) convention here Thursday.

Laya now heads the accounting and management consultancy firm Laya Mananghaya & Co.

Greater confidence in this aspect of business operations, he added, should encourage investments.

"If they don't trust us, they won't come in," Laya said of foreign investments as he pushed for the adoption of the ISA in the country.

Jerry Isla, ACPAPP president, said that while the government has a role to play in the transition from the Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (Gaas) to the ISA, "the success of the adoption of ISA will largely depend on the private sector–practitioners like us and our clients."

An item that will change the balance sheet or financial statements of many companies in the Philippines is the capitalization of foreign exchange losses which, Isla said, is not allowed under international standards.

Outlining the other changes and their impact on local practice, Laya said: "Of course, we will have common standards in reporting. We will have the possibility of the export market, plus in the future, we see the possibility of allowing the entry of foreign professionals."

Isla, who now heads the Joaquin Cunanan & Co. in place of newly appointed Social Security System president Corazon de la Paz, said the Auditing Standards and Practices Council has been created to harmonize Gaas with the ISA.

Laya, also a former education secretary, said the shift from Gaas to ISA requires total change not only in auditing practices but also in education, the schools' curricula and even in examinations for certified public accountants.

"It will also require some kind of retooling in accounting departments of many companies," he said.

Asia struggles, but this time it's tech-driven

SINGAPORE—Three years after a devastating financial crisis, Southeast Asia's once high-flying economies are back in trouble. But the current slowdown is different in nature, and one that few expect to be as bad.

A spate of gloomy economic data has some fearing a repeat performance of 1997, when massive capital flows out of emerging markets battered Asian currencies and pushed the region into recession.

Singapore is in recession now and other economies in the region may follow suit. This time around, however, the problem is slack demand for high-tech exports.

"It's anything but a crisis deja vu," said PK Basu, a Singapore-based economist with Credit Suisse First Boston.

Structurally, Southeast Asia is a very different place than it was in the late 1990s. Debt levels have declined. Currencies are no longer easy targets for speculative attacks. Most Asian economies have abandoned fixed exchange rates, making currencies more flexible.

Adrian Foster, an economist with Nomura Securities, says Southeast Asia's problems now are mostly cyclical, rather than systemic, because the region is so heavily reliant on exporting disk drives and computer chips to the United States.

The countries currently suffering the most—Singapore, Malaysia and Taiwan—are the ones most dependent on computer chips and other high-tech exports.

Those same countries suffered the least during the 1997-1998 Asian crisis.

Electronics make up roughly 70 percent of Taiwan's total exports, while they account for about 60 percent for Malaysia and Singapore, according to their governments.

The heavy demand for high-tech exports in 1999 and 2000 had a negative impact on Asia because it allowed many countries to delay cleaning up their banking systems and corporate sectors. After all, why bother with painful reforms in the middle of a boom?

But some reforms have taken place.

"We don't seem to be as fragile now as we were going into '97," said David Cohen, an analyst with Standard & Poor's MMS International. "When problems came, everyone ran. Nobody's quite so wide-eyed anymore."

The thought of foreign investors yanking their money out of Southeast Asia is not as terrifying simply because the region has failed to attract much foreign investment since the crisis. China now lures more money than all 10 countries in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations combined. *AP*

CEOs still getting big pay, as more workers get the ax in slow economy

WASHINGTON—As the economy began to stall last year and companies laid off workers, chief executives of big corporations still got hefty pay raises and were rewarded for making job cuts, according to a new study by two liberal advocacy groups.

A "decade of greed" in the 1990s was followed last year by a particularly "blatant pattern of CEOs benefiting at the expense of their workers," the Institute for Policy Studies and United for a Fair Economy said in their latest annual pay survey released Tuesday.

It found that chief executives of the 52 major companies that announced layoffs of at least 1,000 employees in the first half of 2000 earned some 80 percent more on average than CEOs at 365 big corporations surveyed by Business Week magazine. The "layoff leaders" received an average $23.7 million in total compensation, including bonuses and stock options, compared with an average $13.1 million for CEOs overall, the groups' study found.

It said the top job-cutters got an average increase in salary and bonus of nearly 20 percent last year, compared with average raises for US wage earners of around 3 percent and 4 percent for salaried employees.

Sarah Anderson, director of the global economy program at the Washington-based Institute for Policy Studies, said it was galling "especially in this period of economic downturn as people are feeling very insecure about their jobs, to see that the guys at the top have cushioned themselves."

The yearlong economic slump is taking a toll on the nation's labor markets. Last Thursday, the government reported that the number of laid-off workers drawing unemployment benefits had hit a nine-year peak. The Labor Department said the number of Americans collecting jobless benefits rose to 3.18 million in the week ending Aug. 11, the highest level since September 1992, when the country was struggling to emerge from the last recession. *AP*

Philippine AXA Life presents a new approach to investments with Star Dollar

With the shroud of uncertainty hovering over most investment activities nowadays, it is best to choose where to put your money wisely. This is an important consideration behind Philippine AXA Life's new product now available in the market - the Star Dollar.

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Intel unveils faster chips

SAN FRANCISCO—Intel unveiled its new, faster computer chips and cut prices on some existing products in the face of the biggest slump ever in the personal computer industry.

The company introduced a new chip operating at 2 gigahertz (GHz) and cut prices on its earlier Pentium 4 line, which will bring some of the recent Intel-equipped computers below the $1,000 mark.

The company also previewed a low energy laptop computer chip and Pentium 4 chips for portables.

Advanced Micro Devices, Intel's main competitor, immediately announced their own discounts, slicing in half their prices for their 1GHz to 1.4 GHz chips. *AFP*

New Net Explorer unveiled

SEATTLE—The latest version of Microsoft Corp.'s Internet Explorer browser is drawing critical barbs because it doesn't support two rival products commonly used on websites.

Internet Explorer 6.0 will not automatically support the embattled Java programming language or Netscape-style "plug-ins," though users and developers will have tools to make the browser compatible with those products.

Redmond-based Microsoft made the program available for download at no charge to consumers Monday.

Microsoft decided to drop support for the plug-ins—additional software that lets users play music, watch videos or perform other tasks—in favor of Microsoft technology called ActiveX. Microsoft spokesman Jim Cullinan said the move was for increased security.

The change means that certain programs, most notably QuickTime, will not work unless the website developer changes the code to meet Microsoft's requirements. *AP*

GeoCities services launched

SUNNYVALE, California—In its latest bid to generate ongoing subscription revenue, Yahoo! Inc. is introducing new enhancements for its popular GeoCities network of personal Web pages Tuesday.

The GeoCities Pro, which costs $8.95 per month, plus a $15 setup fee, and GeoCities Webmaster, which costs $11.95 a month plus the $15 fee, let GeoCities users advance their Web pages.

The new features include up to 25 megabytes of storage; e-mail accounts linked to the pages; the ability to password-protect certain sections; search functions; better customer service and five sub-domains that can help organize the site. *AP*

Flooz.com to file for bankruptcy

NEW YORK—Online currency site Flooz.com Inc., which made a splash with billboards and TV advertisements featuring actress Whoopi Goldberg, has shut down and plans to file for bankruptcy protection, the company announced on its website.

Flooz.com, which earlier this month suspended operations and had been seeking a partner, said in a statement posted on its website over the weekend that it "had been adversely affected by dramatic changes in capital markets and the general slowdown in the economy." *AP*

Oracle unveils new tool

REDWOOD SHORES, California—Oracle Corp. has announced early access to Oracle9I Jdeveloper through an early adopted program from Oracle Technology Network.

More than 1.7 million members of OTN can immediately begin to develop Java2 Enterprise Edition and eXtensible Markup Language-based applications and Web services with Oracle9I Jdeveloper.

3Com introduces Bluetooth card

SANTA CLARA, California—As a step toward enabling personal electronic devices to connect effortlessly without cables, 3Com Corp. has announced the worldwide availability of its Bluetooth PC card featuring a radically simple 3Com connection manager for Bluetooth software package and an innovative antenna design.

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Japan jobless rate hit all-time high in July

TOKYO—Japan's jobless rate hit a record high of 5 percent in July as the government promised extra cash to cushion the impact of firms slashing payrolls and moving production overseas.

The number of unemployed last month grew 230,000 from a year earlier to 3.3 million people, the Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Post and Telecommunications said Tuesday.

It was the highest level since 1953, when Japan began keeping records.

"As Japanese manufacturers are continuing to shift output overseas, we cannot replace the increasing numbers of jobs lost even if we provide measures to create employment," Finance Minister Masajuro Shiokawa said.

"The government's Council of Economy and Fiscal Policy will begin discussing measures to soften the impact of the shift of production overseas," he told a regular news conference.

Shiokawa declined to specify what measures would be considered but said Tokyo would increase spending on schemes to help offset unemployment by an additional 57 billion yen ($475 million) in the current year to March.

Tokyo set aside 60 billion yen in emergency subsidies in January 1999 to give companies that hire workers aged 45 to 59 who have been laid off from their previous jobs. But only 2.17 billion yen of the money has been spent.

About 1.14 million people voluntarily left their jobs in July, disillusioned about the direction their firms were taking, while 180,000 graduates were unable to find work, two major factors that pushed up the rate, said an official from the labor ministry.

"Voluntary joblessness is increasing among young people, under the age of 35," she said.

"Younger people often change jobs to advance their careers. At the same time, others are quitting work out of concern for the questionable future of their companies."

The dismal figures came as no surprise to the government, said State Minister for Economic and Fiscal Policy Heizo Takenaka.

"The rise in unemployment does not run counter to our expectations," he told a news briefing.

But the prolonged global economic slowdown meant unemployment was set to worsen, warned economists.

"There is no guarantee that the worsening of the unemployment rate would stop here. I expect it would worsen," said Junji Ota, economist at Okasan Research Institute.

"The Japanese manufacturing sector is becoming increasingly less labor intensive. Its need for labor is decreasing as firms use machines to do their work," Ota said. ***AFP***

Continental sets Oct. 2 opening for new global gateway

NEW YORK—Continental Airlines will open its all-new concourse at the Newark International Airport on Oct. 2 as the centerpiece of $1.4 billion in improvements to the New York area's premier airport and only airline hub.

Continental's "Global Gateway" will be inaugurated with the departure of Flight 99 to Hong Kong on Oct. 2, the first flight from the all-new, 325,000-square-foot C-3 concourse.

"This expansion gives our customers a world-class international airport experience whether they are connecting through the hub or traveling in or out of the New York City area," Continental chair and chief executive Gordon Bethune said. "C-3 has an efficient design that both looks attractive and makes sense for the travelers and employees who use it."

The comprehensive expansion to Terminal C—Continental's main terminal at Newark—includes 19 new gates, raising the terminal's total gates by 46 percent to 60. Concourse C-3 features wide walkways and large, comfortable seating areas, offering customers natural light from skylights along the length of the structure.

ENGINEERS survey site of Continental Airlines' new concourse at the Newark International Airport. This "Global Gateway" is the centerpiece of $1.4 billion in improvements to the New York area's premier airport and only airline hub.

Continental's international arrivals at Terminal B will be augmented by new international arrival capacity at the new C-3 concourse. An elevated, glassed-in walkway will lead arriving travelers to a new customs and immigration building scheduled for completion by early 2002.

Underneath the concourse, Continental has installed a new baggage sorting facility that uses proven, reliable systems and technology. This baggage system will serve the entire terminal and replaces an older system not originally intended for a major hub.

A new ramp control tower for Continental operations personnel will provide an eagle-eye view of all Terminal C gates. This optimizes the flow of aircraft to and from the terminal by reducing congestion on taxiways.

Concessions on Concourse C-3 will include brand names such as DKNY, Kenneth Cole, Borders Express, Wall Street Deli and a Brooklyn Brewery Jazz Bar.

Included in Global Gateway are sweeping improvements being made by The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey throughout Newark International Airport. Also coming on-line soon at Newark are these major elements:

- A new railroad station offering direct service to mid-town Manhattan via both New Jersey Transit and Amtrak, the only such rail service available from a New York City area airport.
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World seen escaping recession

WASHINGTON—Stanley Fischer, the outgoing No. 2 official at the International Monetary Fund, said Monday the slowing global economy would probably avoid an outright recession, but it was too soon to say for sure.

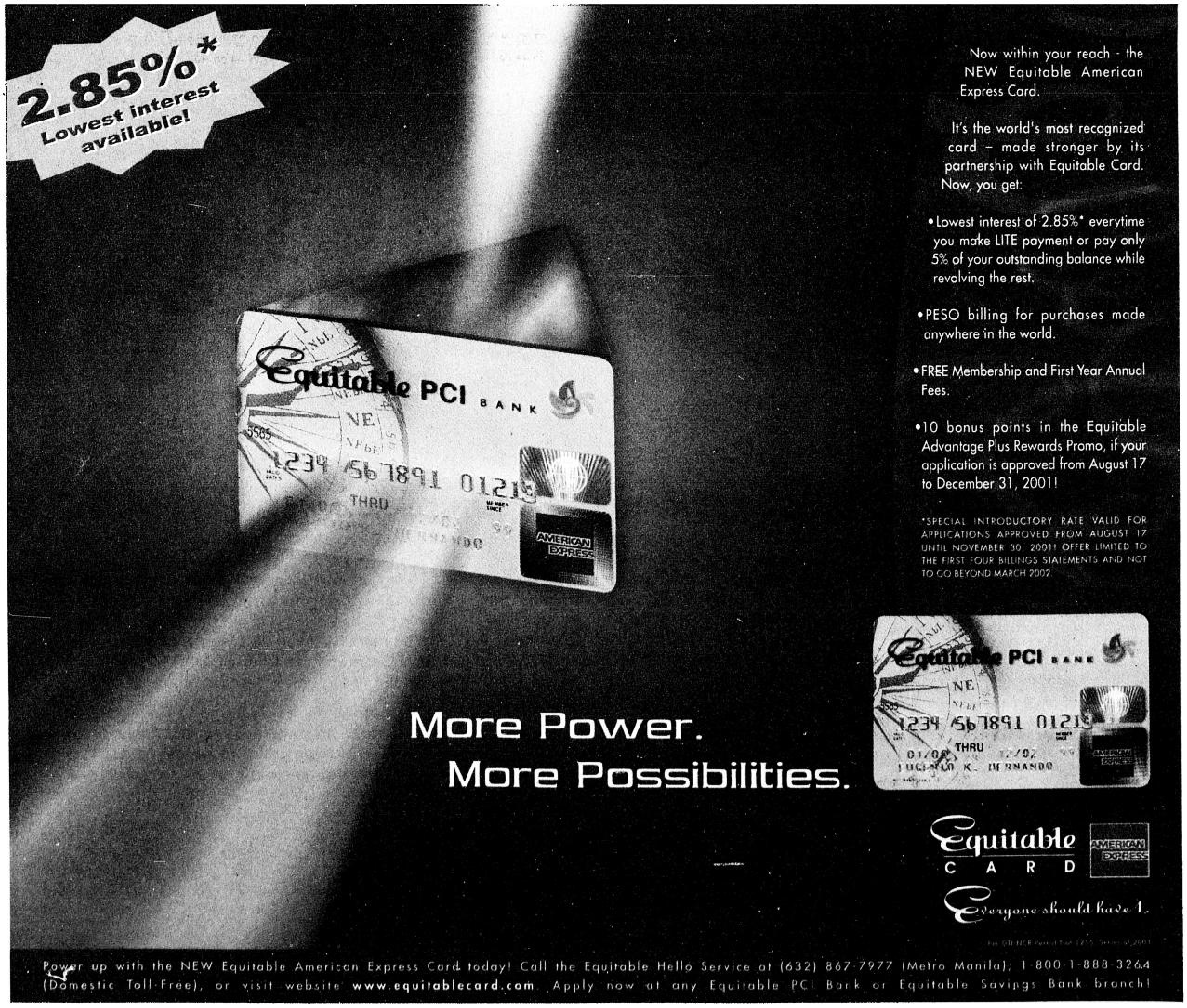
"We don't have a definition of a world recession," IMF first deputy managing director Stanley Fischer told reporters.

"If we had one, we would probably say we are in a significant slowdown and we wouldn't quite know whether we are in a global recession yet."

"My guess is we are a little short of that. It's very, very uncomfortable and it's particularly hard on a variety of emerging market countries but we are not yet, and we might well escape, what you would call a global recession," he added.

With economic growth slowing in the United States, Europe and Japan, the IMF in April slashed its forecast for global economic growth this year to 3.2 percent, a full percentage point below its previous estimate. The lender is expected to cut that forecast again in September when it next publishes its World Economic Outlook.

In a wide-ranging interview with reporters in his last week as second in command at the international lender, Fischer also said Argentina would need more than the $3 billion the IMF offered to help the nation undertake a voluntary debt swap. ***Reuters***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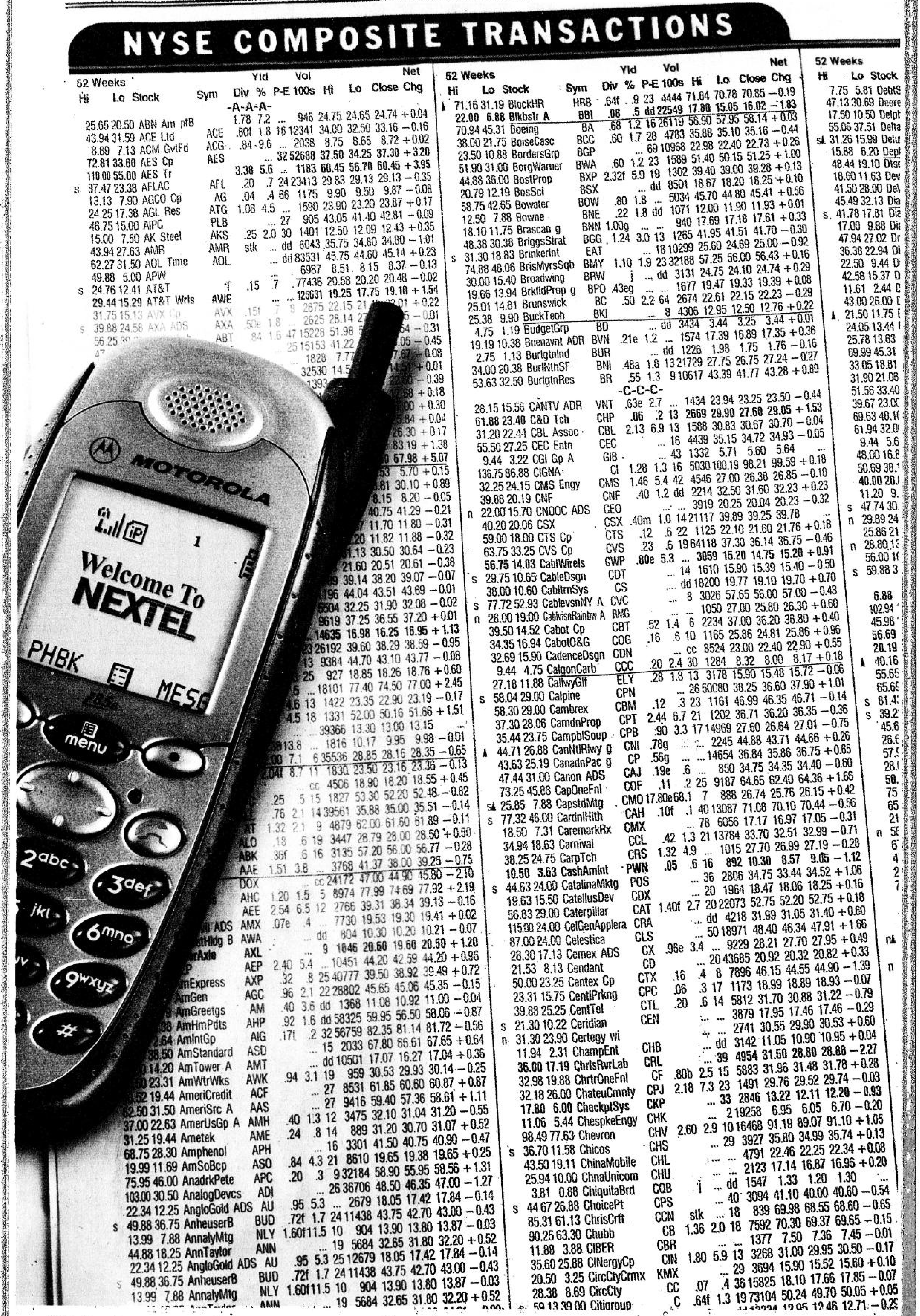

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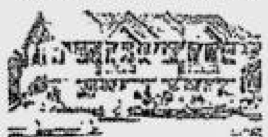

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Celsa B. Bernales** has been extrajudicially settled by her heir on June 11, 2001 under Doc.#188; Page#39; Book#3; Series of 2001 before Notary Public Atty. Felixberto F. Abad of Quezon City (PDI-Aug. 22, 29, Sept. 5, 2001)

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **•CARIDAD M. PINEDA•** has been settled by the heirs extrajudicially before Notary Public Atty. Danilo Pineda per Doc.No. 396; Page No. 16; Book No. V; Series of 2001 Angeles City

PDI-Aug.22, 29 & Sept.5, 2001

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **RAFAEL SOLCHAGA DADIVAS** which estate consists of various parcels of land has been the subject of an extrajudicial settlement on August 5, 2001, by and among his heirs as eveidenced in the document executed and acknowledged before Notary Public Gina C. Garcia of Makati City, and entered in her Notarial Registry as Doc. No. 287, Page No. 56, Book III, Series of 2001. (PDI-Aug. 15, 22 & 29, 2001)

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Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU
Region Office No. 8, Tacloban City

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF ESTEBAN E. CALICOY, JR. (Name of Company/Individual) FOR MINERAL PRODUCTION SHARING AGREEMENT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 38 of DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 96-40, Series of 1996, the Implementing Rules and Regulation of Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the "Philippine Mining Act of 1995", **Esteban E. Calicoy, Jr.** with office address at **Brgy. 1, Balangiga, Eastern Samar, Philippines**, has filed an application/ proposal for **Mineral Production Sharing Agreement Application** for the exploration, development, and utilization of certain **Gold, Silver,** and **other minerals**, particularly described as follows:

I - Application No. : **APSA-000079-VIII**
II - Date of Filing : **April 18, 2001**
III - Area Location : **Balangiga, Eastern Samar**
IV - Technical Description of the Area *#

Corner Number	Latitude	Longitude
1	11-08-00	125-23-30
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3	11-10-00	125-21-30
4	11-10-00	125-22-05
5	11-09-30	125-22-05
6	11-09-30	125-22-20
7	11-09-20	125-22-30
8	11-08-30	125-22-50

***Exceptions:** The proposed Contract Area shall be subject to Section 19 of RA 7942 and Section 15 ("Areas Closed to Mining Locations") and Section 16 ("Ancestral Lands"), of DENR Administrative Order No. 96-40, Series of 1996. Among other things:

a) The following shall be closed to mining locations: areas with valid and existing mining rights; existing mining applications; and areas expressly prohibited by law;

b) The following shall also be closed to mining locations except upon the written consent of the concerned government agency or private entity subject to the evaluation and validation by the Bureau: areas near or under public or private buildings, cemeteries, archeological and historical sites, bridges, highways, waterways, railroads, reservoirs, dams or other infrastructure projects, public or private works including plantations or valuable crops.

c) Applications for mineral agreements or financial or technical assistance agreements covering; small scale mining areas; civil or military reservations; areas covered by Certificate of Ancestral Domain claims; or areas of ancestral land as may be defined by law shall require prior written consent of concerned individuals, groups or other government agencies having jurisdiction over the area/s applied for.

#Notes 1. The approval of an Environmental Clearance Certificate, with all the necessary public consultations, shall be required prior to any and all mining construction development and production.

2. The Notice must be accompanied by a map/sketch plan with index map showing the nearest municipality(ies) and any major environmental feature(s).
(See Annex "A")

V - Size of the Area : **755.09 hectares more or less**
VI - Duration of the Agreement : **25 Years**

1. Exploration Period - shall have a term of two (2) years renewable for another two (2) years each but in no cases shall exceed a total of six (6) years;
2. Total duration of the Agreement shall be twenty five (25) years from the date of execution, subject to renewal for another period not to exceed twenty five (25) years under the same terms and conditions subject to changes mutually agreed upon by both parties and provided further, that such terms and conditions are not inconsistent with law and do not prejudice the principle of sustainable development.

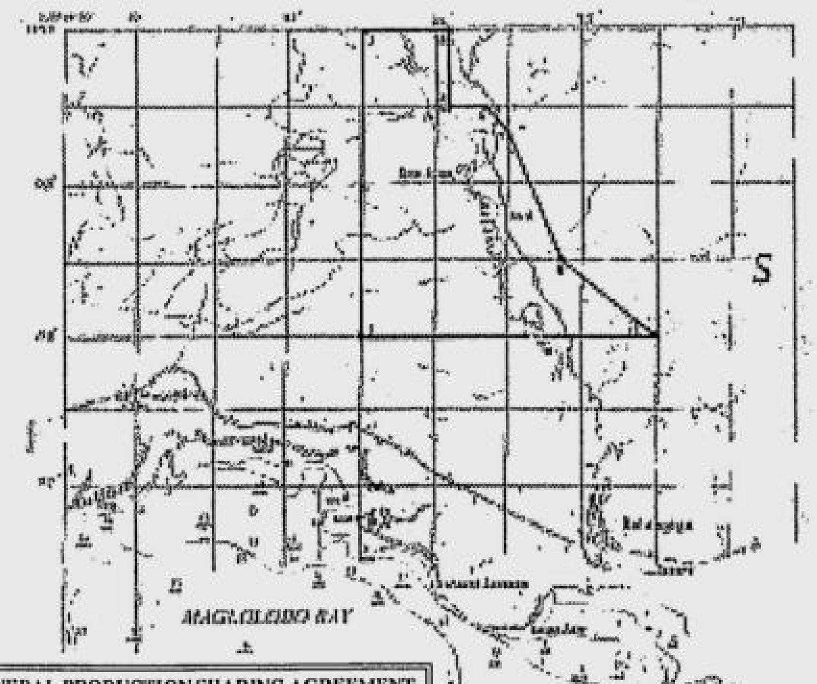
VII - Extent of Operation to be Undertaken

Exploration, Utilization and Development of Gold, Silver, and other minerals

Any and all persons having adverse claims, protests and or opposition to the above mentioned application are hereby notified that their adverse claims should be filed within thirty (30) days from the last date of publication/posting, directly with the Regional Office concerned or through any concerned Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) or Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office of the DENR for filing in the Regional Office for purposes of its resolution by the Panel of Arbitrators and/or the concerned appellate body(ies) pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act 7942 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations. Adverse claims, protests or opposition should be accomplished in accordance with Sections 203 and 204 of DENR Administrative Order No. 96-40, Series of 1996 and a copy thereof shall be furnished to the applicant/contractor by the adverse claimant.

For further particulars, apply or course your inquiries to **The Regional Director, Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Regional No. 8, Nipa Hut Compound, Lopez Jaena Street, Tacloban City.**

(Sgd.) **ELIGIO Z. ARIATE**
Regional Director



MINERAL PRODUCTION SHARING AGREEMENT
APPLICATION OF

ESTEBAN CALICOY, JR.

Located at:
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Municipality : Balangiga
Island of : Eastern Samar
Containing an approx. area of
755.09 Hectares
Prepared by
HENRY G. VELASCO
Geodetic Engineer
G.E. No. 04999
Date issued : March 2, 1999
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(PDI - Aug. 29, 2001)

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INVITATION TO BID

The Development Bank of the Philippines will receive sealed bids on 13 September 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at the Auditorium of the DBP Head Office, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Ave. cor. Makati Avenue, Makati City for the following properties on CASH BASIS:

CODE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM BID
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MGT-131	Interior Suter Street, Sta. Ana, Manil,a	124m2 residential lot (TCT No. T-156194).	P 843,200.00
MGT-119	Lot 4, Blk 3, Violago Homes, Batasan Subd., Capitol, District, Quezon City	186 m2 residential lot (TCT No. 327278) with building and improvements.	P 680,000.00
BATANGAS			
MBL-164	Bgy. Sta. Teresita (formerly Sta. Cruz), Sto. Tomas	202,455 m2 eight (8) contiguous parcels of agricultural land covered by TCT Nos. T-89881 to T-89888	P 23,343,800.00
BULACAN			
MMC-143	M.H. del Pilar St., Ciudad Real Subdivision, Phase II, Tungkong Mangga, San Jose del Monte City	243 m2 residential lot (TCT No. T-345621 (M) with building and improvements.	P 879,400.00
RIZAL			
LJG-142	Lot 31, Blk 14, Montano Drive, Palos Verdes Garden Heights Subd., Bo. Seven Hills, Antipolo City	300 m2 vacant residential lot (TCT No. T-301965).	P 760,000.00
ZAMBOANGA			
MED-165	Zambowood, Brgy. Lumbayao, Zamboanga City	5,283 m2 residential lot (TCT No. T-123,681) with buildings and improvements and various wood working machinery and equipment.	P 9,709,200.00
CHATTELS (Sale on "as-is, where-is" basis)			
VCP-86	DBP Depot, Doña Severina Subd., Parañaque City	One lot machinery and equipment used in food and noodle processing.	P 200,000.00
LJG-132	La Campana Compound, EDSA Balintawak, Q.C.	One (1) unit locally assembled Toyota Tamaraw Jitney (AUV), assembled in 1996, powered by a Toyota 4-cylinder diesel engine.	P 100,400.00
MMC-144	DBP Depot, Doña Severina Subd., Parañaque City	One (1) transportation equipment, 1996 Porter Jitney Hyundai and two (2) units Juki high speed sewing machines.	P 77,100.00
VCP-78a-78n	Bldg. No. 2 MIRDC Compound, Gen. Santos Ave., Bicutan, Taguig, M.M.	Various machinery and equipment (15 units) for manufacture of semi-conductors	P 20,000.00 P 862,400.00 per unit
LJG-131a-131h	La Campana Compound, EDSA, Balintawak, Q.C.	Various machinery and equipment (8 units) used in the fabrication of local spare parts of industrial machines	P 11,900.00 to P 157,400.00 per unit

DBP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY FORMALITY THEREIN, OR TO ACCEPT SUCH BIDS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE BANK. THE DECISION OF THE BANK IS FINAL AND BINDING.

For inquiries, please call telephone numbers:

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SPECIAL ACCOUNTS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

(PDI – Aug. 28 & 29, 2001)

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
MAYNILA, PILIPINAS
DISBURSEMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

SECOND INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND TO BID

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) will conduct a prequalification to prospective bidders for the supply and installation of FM-200 Fire Suppression System at the EDPC Building, BSP Main Complex, detailed specifications of which may be obtained from the Manager II, Procurement Division II, Administrative Services Department, Room 212, 2nd Floor, 5-Storey Building, BSP Complex, Malate, Manila, Tel. No. 523-6427/525-0048.

For prequalification purposes, interested bidders must submit/comply with the following requirements:

1. Should have a minimum working capital of ₱2.5 Million;
2. Should have completed at least two (2) similar fire suppression projects in the Philippines with minimum contract worth of P10M each;
3. Certification of sole or authorized distributor in the Philippines of specific brand of Fire Suppression System from the manufacturer; and
4. Must have engaged in the installation of fire suppression system for at least five (5) years.

The above requirements, together with photocopies of documents listed below (original copies of items 1 and 2 to be presented for authentication purposes), shall be submitted to the Disbursement Control Commitee thru the Administrative Services Department not later than **September 10, 2001**.

1. Articles of Incorporation and business Registration Papers of the bidder;
2. 2000 audited Financial Statements (Balance Sheet & Income Statement) of the bidder;
3. 2000 Income Tax Return of the bidder; and
4. Company history/profile of the bidder;

Only those who comply with the above requirements and are prequalified by the Bank will be invited to participate in the actual bidding which will be conducted on a later date to be advised to prequalified bidders.

The two-envelope system shall be adopted in the bidding.

The BSP hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids, as well as to waive any defects or informality in such bids, and to accept such bids as may be considered most advantageous to the Bank.

FOR THE DISBURSEMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

(Sgd.) EDUARDO L. MAGAHIS
Officer-In-Charge
Administrative Services Department

(PDI--August 29, 2001)

ERRATUM

On an ad by a "prestigious publishing company" looking for EDITORS, DESK EDITORS, and REPORTERS published in this paper last Sunday, **August 26, 2001**, the e-mail address written was quadratic@edsamail.com.ph.

Instead, please send your responses to **quadratic01@edsamail.com.ph**.

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INVITATION FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

All parties interested to bid for tne project described below are invited to apply for Application for Eligibility and to Bid with the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), Subic Bay Freeport, Olongapo City. Only eligible contractors will be invited to participate in the forthcoming bidding.

A. Name and Location of Project : **IMPROVEMENT TO WILDLIFE CENTER @ JEST CAMP, UPPER MAU, Subic Bay Freeport Zone**

B. Project Description/Scope of Works:

The proposed project shall include securing/applying of all permits, supervision, labor, materials and equipment required for the Proposed Project.

The proposed project includes the following:

a) Entrance Gate - Construction of structural steel are with a ticket booth, sliding steel gate, hardscape and landscape, rip-rap stone wall
b) Souvenir Shop - Construction of one storey concrete and masonry building with one unit toilet, covered roof on structural steel frame with polycarbonate skylight
c) Entrance Plaza Complex - Construction of circular segmental paver and masonry structure surrounded with hardscape, benches and signages
d) Aviary - Construction of steel cage structure with entrance area, elevated walk, pond, information signages and secondary bird cages
e) Mini-Zoo - Construction of 8 units independent steel frame cages with covered roof on structural steel frame and feeding/service area
f) Fishing Lagoon - Construction of concrete man made lagoon with wooden boardwalk across the lagoon

C. Approved Budget Cost: **Php = 14.4M**

D. Required PCAB Registration and Classification/License:

PCAB Principal Qualification and Category
General Building "B"

Kinds of Project and Respective Ranges
Building and Industrial Plant "MA"

E. Cost of forms for Application for Eligibility and to Bid, dates and place of issuance: Php 200.00 (non-refundable);

Issuance date: September 24 and 25, 2001 only, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Engineering Department, PWTSG, SBMA
Room 223 Building 255, Barryman Road, SBFZ

F. Deadline for submission of Accomplished Application for Eligibility to Bid: October 05, 2001, 5:00 p.m.

Address to:

ATTY. CHITO M. CRUZ
BAC Chairman/Sr. D.A. for Support Services
c/o Engineering Department
Room 222, Building 255 Barryman Road
Subic Bay Freeport Zone

G. Time and date of submission and opening of Bids, Pre-Bid Conference and Site Inspection shall be confirmed in the Notice of Eligibles.

Application for Eligibility and to Bid is open to all contractors with valid PCAB (Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board) Contractors License and Registration. Prospective bidders are required to submit a Letter of Intent and Certified True Copy of the Contractors License upon purchase of the forms for Application for Eligibility and to Bid and shall bring the original copy of the Contractors PCAB License Classification Registration for verification and authentication purposes.

Bid Documents shall be issued only to the eligible contractors duly notified by SBMA in writing upon payment of the non-refundable cost of the documents.

All particulars relative to the eligibility process, bidding, evaluation of bids and award of contract shall be governed by the latest provisions of PD 1594 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations as Amended.

The SBMA reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any defect therein and accept the offer it deems most advantageous to the Government.

(Sgd.) **CHITO M. CRUZ**
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JOSUE LACSON CADIAO

The following Masses are offered today in thanks for the years of joy he gave his family and friends when he was still with us:

Veterans Memorial Chapel	12:00 NN
Philippine Independent Church, San Jose, Antique	6:00 AM
Philippine Independent Church, Culasi, Antique	6:00 AM
St. Thomas More Church, Munster, Indiana	6:30 AM
Holy Family Church, Gary Indiana	8:00 AM
Chapel of St. Joseph, St. Bernard Hospital, Chicago, IL	4:00 PM
Mary Star of the Sea Church, Chicago, IL	7:00 AM
St. Adrian Church, Chicago, IL	6:00 AM
St. Mary's Church, Hartford, Connecticut	8:00 AM
Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, Washington, D.C.	7:00 AM
St. Catherine of Alexandria, Riverside, California	8:00 AM
St. Edward's Church, Carisbad, New Mexico	7:00 AM

In Loving Memory
on the First Death Anniversary of
Our Dearly Beloved

DANIEL POLICARPIO GO

who peacefully joined our Creator on August 29, 2000.

Holy Mass will be offered today at Himlayang Pilipino at 3:30 PM.

We his family **Bobbie**, **Erwin** and **Eda**, **Chee** and **Lito**, **Jade**, **Sam** and **Bea**, request his in-laws, cousins, nephews and nieces, other relatives, friends and the pious readers to join them in praying for the eternal repose of his soul.

We would like to thank everyone who in one way or another became a part of Danny's meaningful life.

FLORENCE DEPAKAKIBO CO

Passed away on 27 August 2001
at the age of 62.

Her body lies in state at the La Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Thursday, 30 August 2001, 2:00 p.m.at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City.

CECILIO PERDIGON GUMBA

of Polangui and Ligao, Albay
died on August 25 at the age of 80.

His remains lie in state at his residence at Polangui, Albay.

Interment at Polangui, Albay to be announced later.

"In my Father's house are many rooms
I am going there to prepare a place for you
I will come back and take you to be with Me
That you may also be where I am."
John 14:2-3

Atty. Manuel "Manoling" Lopez Lagunilla

Retired Regional Executive Director, DENR, Region VI
Of Bangar, La Union

Died in the Grace of our Lord on August 24, 2001 at the age of 74.

His loving wife **Gloria** (†), his bereaved children **Renato & Ma. Linda, Tessie & Maui Chanco, Jerry & Teng, Jimmy & Kate, Joel, Jocelyn & Phillip Lataquin, Jasmin & Brummel Vargas**, grandchildren, brothers, sister & relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at his residence at Lopez Subdivision, Mandurriao, Iloilo City. Interment will be on Saturday, September 1, 2001 right after the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Parish Church, Jaro, Iloilo City.

"Life is eternal; and love is immortal; death is only a horizon;
and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight."
Anonymous

MILDRED JAMERO VILLANUEVA

of Arevalo and La Paz, Iloilo City

Peacefully joined our Lord on August 26, 2001.

Her bereaved family; children **Drs. Mary Francine** and **Edgar Portigo**, **Dominic** and **Peachy**, **Godofredo Jr.** and **Jocelyn**, and **Michelle**; grandchildren **Angeli Nicole**, **Marianne**, **Danica**, **Christine**, **Gillian**, and **Micaela**; sisters and brother **Lydia**, **Anita**, **Dominga**, **Marlene**, **Domingo** and **Teresita**; request pious readers, friends and relatives to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the family residence at 544 Bonifacio Street, Arevalo, Iloilo City.

Interment will be on Saturday, September 1, 2001 at the Arevalo Catholic Cemetery after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at the Santo Niño de Arevalo Parish Church.

PURIFICACION "PURING" TIANGCO VDA. DE. CAPISTRANO

Peacefully joined her Creator at the age of 83.

Her beloved husband **ENRIQUE "IKING"** (†); brothers, sister, brother-in-law and sisters-in-law **ARSENIO** (†) & **Flor** (†) **TIANGCO**, **MARINA** (†) & **ANTONIO** (†) **SOLOMON**, **SALVADOR "ADOR" & JOSIE TIANGCO**, **ELISEO "ELISENG" & INE** (†) **TIANGCO**, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz, Gregorio Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Thursday, August 30, 2001 at La Loma Catholic Cemetery, Caloocan City after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

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John 14:6

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Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project

INVITATION TO RE-BID

August 29, 2001
World Bank/IBRD
Loan No. 4109-PH

The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of the Agrarian Reform Communities Development Projects (ARCDP) and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract No. RI SWIP 00 301 03 HAC-A for the Construction of Hacienda Small Water Impounding Project (SWIP) located at Brgy. Hacienda, Tabaco City, Province of Albay. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source as defined in the Guidelines, Procurement under IBRD Loan and IDA Credits.

The City of Tabaco and implementing partner of the DAR for ARCDP invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction of the following sub-project:

Description of the Project: Construction of Impounding Dam, spillway, outlet and irrigation works.

Item No.	Work Breakdown Structure	Quantity % Project Cost
1.0	Construction of field office, temporary facilities and movement of equipment	2.89%
2.0	Diversion of Water and Care of Creek	0.83%
3.0	Clearing and Grubbing for Reservoir and Borrow Areas	0.72%
4.0	Construction of Dam	42.84%
5.0	Construction of Spillway	20.74%
6.0	Construction of Diversion/Outlet Works	9.00%
7.0	Irrigation/Canal Lining Works	23.28%
Project Category	Dam and Reservoir/Irrigation Works	Medium "A" or Higher

Bid Security : **P210,000.00**
Bid Closing Date : **October 1, 2001, 2:00 PM**

Minimum Equipments Required

Bulldozer-owned, Vibratory (15 tons min), Road Roller-owned, Loader-Owned/Leased; 2 Units Backhoe-Owned/Leased, 2 Units Dump Truck-Owned (10 cu.m. CAP), Water Truck-Owned; Survey Instrument-Lease/Owned.

A complete set of bidding documents maybe purchased by interested bidders at above office starting September 10, 2001 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Five Thousand Pesos only (P5,000.00).

A Pre-bid Conference will be held on September 17, 2001 at 2:00 PM at the City Mayor's Office.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in a form of Cash, Certified Check, Manager's Check, Bank Draft or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency and must be delivered to the Office of the City Mayor, Tabaco City on or before the bid closing date. Bids will be opened promptly on the above bid closing date in the presence of participating bidders or representatives who choose to attend.

The PBAC-ARCDP reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or formality assume no obligation whatsoever to compensate indemnity to the contractor/bidder for any expenses that they incur in the preparation of bid to accept the bid lowest evaluated, responsive and complying bid.

(Sgd.) **HON. ALEX A. BURCE**
Mayor/Chairman PBAC-ARCDP

(PDI – Aug. 29, 2001)

Republic of the Philippines
SUGAR REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION
North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
P.O. Box 70, U.P. Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

Interested parties are invited to pre-qualify and bid for the:

SUPPLY OF LABOR AND MATERIALS AND SUPERVISION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE (1) UNIT HOT WATER TREATMENT PLANT AT BUKIDNON MILL DISTRICT (BUSCO), BUTUNG, QUEZON, BUKIDNON

Only pre-qualified bidders as of October 8, 2001 shall be allowed to participate in the Public Bidding to be held on November 15, 2001 at BUSCO, Bukidnon at 9:00 AM.

Pre-qualification Forms shall be issued starting September 4, 2001 at SRA, Quezon City and SRA BUSCO and the deadline for the submission of said requirements shall be on September 18, 2001.

The list of qualified bidders shall be released on October 8, 2001. Thereafter, bid forms shall be issued for a non-refundable cost of Php700.00 each.

A pre-bid conference shall be held on October 23 at BUSCO, Bukidnon at 9:00 AM.

All bids must be accompanied by bid bonds in the amount of 5% of the total cost of the tender or offer—either in cash, Manager's Check or GSIS bond.

For further inquiries, please call:

THE SECRETARIAT - Metro Manila
SRA Bidding and Awards Committee
Tel. No. 929-6837

and

SRA Bukidnon (BUSCO)
c/o NOLE M. SERMONIA

The SRA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formality or defect therein, and to accept any or all offers that may be considered most advantageous to the SRA.

(Sgd.) **JAMES C. LEDESMA**
Administrator

(PDI – Aug. 29, 30 & 31, 2001)

BOHOL I ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
Maca-as, Tubigon, Bohol

INVITATION FOR BIDS NO. 8

SECTION 1

The **BOHOL 1 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.** (BOHECO 1) has appropriated funds for the procurement of One (1) Unit **TEN** (10) **MVA 69/13.2 KV SUBSTATION TRANSFORMER** and accessories to be installed in Maca-as, Tubigon, Bohol for its load within the main office area.

Sealed bids for supply and delivery of brand new One (1) Unit **10 MVA 69/13.2 KVA SUBSTATION TRANSFORMER** and accessories will be received by BOHECO 1 at its main office in Maca-as, Tubigon, Bohol on or before **10:00 a.m., October 9, 2001**, at which time and place said proposal will be opened and read in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

Only BIDS for the supply of brand new **U.S., EUROPEAN, KOREAN, JAPANESE** and **TAIWANESE** models will be accepted. Indent bid is also acceptable.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain information and secure official bidding documents from BOHECO 1 main office upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos** (P1,500.00).

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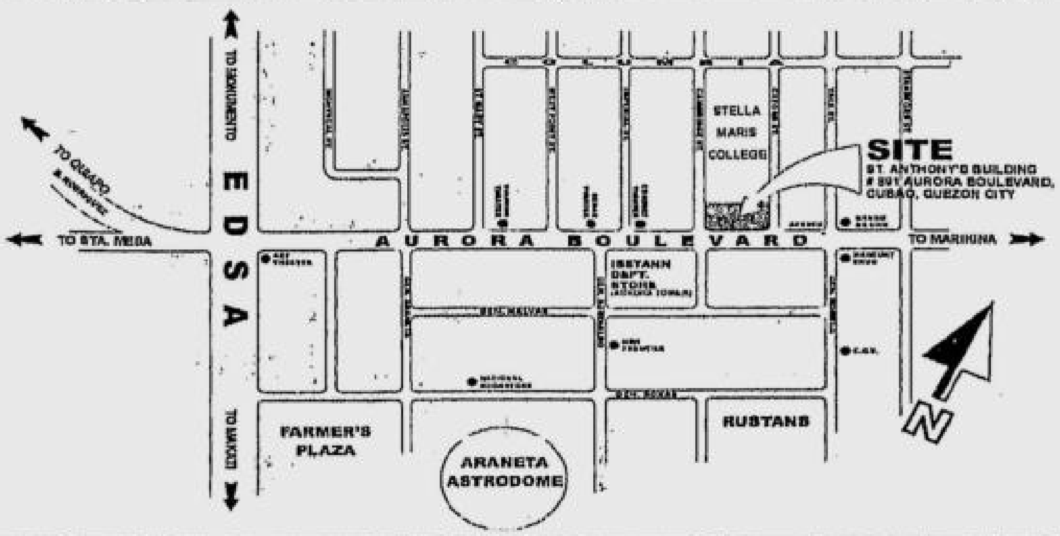


INTERNET 101

What the Internet means to anyone who wants to stay employed

BY JEFF WESTOVER

(Starting this issue, we will publish a five-part article on the Internet which is now changing lives and work at the speed of the cable. - Ed.)

SIR Winston Churchill once described Russia as "a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma."

Of course, he said that in the context of a war environment. But if he were alive today, he might say the same thing about the Internet. The online world is at war—and to job seekers, the Internet is "a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma."

Troop build-up

The online population of the Internet has more than doubled in size in just the last year, according to Cyberatlas. From 81 million in 1998 to close to 200 million at the turn of the millennium, it is safe to say that there are a lot of people new to the dynamic, interactive environment of the Internet.

Companies and individuals are in a race to figure out this online world—and to be in the position to profit from it. In these early days of the battle, there have been many victories. But where there are winners there are also losers. The press is finally starting to keep score on both sides—and to raise the rallying cry to those that are falling behind or that are asleep at the mouse.

PC Computing magazine has brutally declared the death knell of a variety of industries. In an article in the February 2000 issue, the Internet is blamed for "crushing whole industries." They predict that the coming carnage will be all encompassing—say goodbye to retail stores, newspapers and banks. No profession will be left untouched, if you are to believe PC Computing.

Carnage

Tom Peters, called the "guru of gurus" by Fortune magazine, predicts that 90 percent of all white-collar jobs will "disappear or be reconfigured beyond recognition" within 10 years.

Even traditional professionals such as attorneys and accountants are projected to have their professional worlds rocked. Rigor mortis is already setting in for travel agents, stockbrokers and insurance reps. "These people are toast" is the dire warning.

Perhaps PC Computing is still smarting from the fizzle of Y2K. Or perhaps they can see something that all those millions that are new to the Internet cannot yet acknowledge—that the great battles of business large and small will take place online.

Their less-than-cheery prognostication is bound to depress even the most outrageous optimist. Here's a choice quote: "Is the situation as bad as it seems? For many industries, it's worse. Just beyond today's plush profits lie an ambush. Numerous big corporations will succumb. Many more will be swallowed or transformed. Jobs will be lost, careers eviscerated. Fortunes will vanish. Oh woe, oh woe."

(Gulp) Stop the Web, I want to get off!

It certainly sounds like war. If any of us are going to survive, we are going to have to solve the "riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma."

Revolution

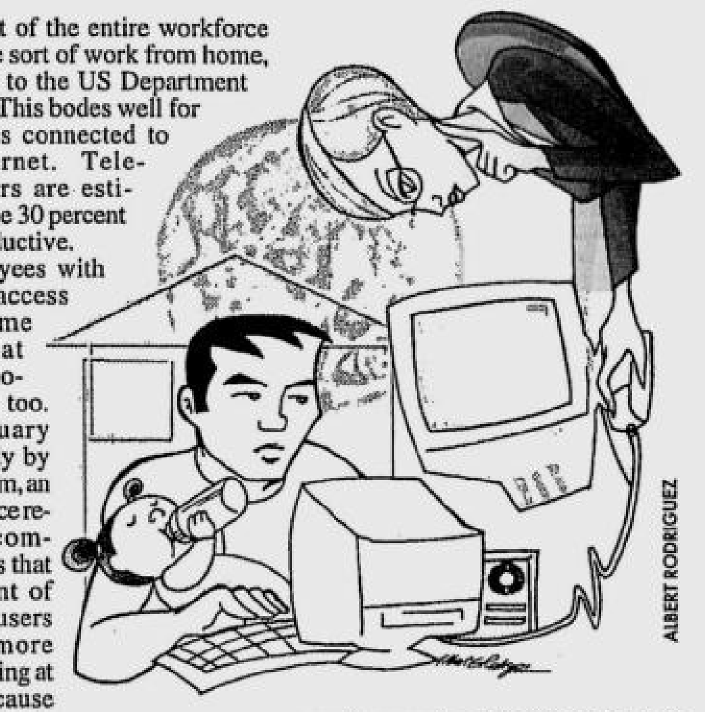
The competitive forces at work outside the walls of the workplace are debated daily in the headlines. But within the walls of the workplace, the revolution is no less intense.

How you do your job, where you do your job and even the results of what you do are in many cases measured in the online environment. And, of course—"who" does your job hangs in the balance as technology is used by business to lower costs and improve earnings.

According to eMarketer, business users accounted for 54 percent of all Internet use during 1999. Their report defines business users as those who devote more than half their time on the Web to work-related activity.

Employers have many reasons to take advantage of the Internet. It provides unbroken connectivity with employees and allows business to be conducted around the clock. Employers know that even if an employee is at home, productivity will improve.

Telecommuting workers number nearly 20 million people and roughly 20 percent of the entire workforce does some sort of work from home, according to the US Department of Labor. This bodes well for companies connected to the Internet. Telecommuters are estimated to be 30 percent more productive.



Employees with Internet access at home agree that they are doing more too. A January 2000 study by Gomez.com, an e-commerce research company, says that 26 percent of Internet users spend more time working at home because of the Internet.

E-mail and broadband Internet access blur the lines between work and home as employees use the Internet to communicate. In 1998, email surpassed the telephone as the preferred and most frequently used corporate communication medium, according to Frost and Sullivan. The Yankee Group says that there are almost 300 million email boxes worldwide and the average user has at least two to three different email addresses. The Institute for the Future has found that the average white-collar worker sends and receives an average of 30 emails per day.

Cell phones and pagers already receive email notification and are in development to make further use of the Internet a mobile reality. By 2005, industry forecasters predict that 73 percent of Internet users will also have interactive TV or other Internet appliances like cell phones to send email and access the Internet.

Video conferencing makes use of Internet technology to keep the wheels of commerce spinning. Web sites like webex.com provide the technology for free, making travel unnecessary and bringing more people together via technology like never before.

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How can you help your company to shine?

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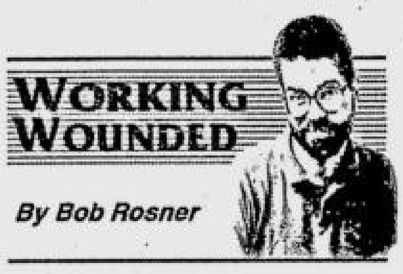

WORKING WOUNDED

By Bob Rosner

I just read a fun article in the Wall Street Journal about how popular American movies are overseas but how some of their titles just don't translate. The recent Academy Award nominee, "The Full Monty," for instance, was given two wildly different titles in Hong Kong alone. The Cantonese version was named "Six Stripped Warriors," while in Mandarin it was "Six Naked Pigs." Same movie; different audiences; different cultural perspective.

If you want your business efforts to translate into success, you need to rethink the way your company plays to its multiple audiences—colleagues, customers, company brass and competitors. These are the "4 Cs" of corporate perspective and each one has something to teach you. Your job—whether as owner, manager or employee—is to see what you can learn from each.

For tips, I turned to Robert Kelly's book, "How to be a Star at Work" (Times, 1998). It's an easy read that should help your company regain its shine. I've adapted the following from it.

What do your colleagues think? Even though your coworkers are insiders like you, they may have insights that you lack. Learn as much "bad news" as you can from them—before your customers deliver the same message.

What do your customers think? If customers won't pay for it, you won't be doing it for very long. So poll your customers constantly on how they feel about every aspect of your business. As they used to say in Chicago: get them involved early and often.

What does your company brass think? Have they identified their goals for the coming year? Have they set measurable targets? Is the activity of every department pointed toward those goals? The chance of success is greatest when everyone's working off the same script.

What are your competitors doing? When was the last time you visited a competitor's location? Their web site? Talked with some of their customers? If you want to really know your market, keep your friends close and your competitors even closer.

There's also a fifth "C," one that isn't a group of people. Kelly calls it "creative dissonance," the ability to draw useful strategies from another industry. Southwest Airlines, for example, has long been the fastest airline at unloading baggage. So when they wanted to speed their baggage handling further, they turned not to competitors, but to another field in which speed was of the essence: pit crews at the Indianapolis 500. What they learned shaved precious minutes off their handling time.

And speaking of "creative dissonance" . . . here's another bit of movie trivia. In Hong Kong the movie "As Good As It Gets" was titled "Mr. Cat Poop." Why? Only the translators know for sure. Hopefully, Jack Nicholson maintained his perspective!

Here are the results of the recent WorkingWounded/ABC news.com poll: Whose opinion matters the most to you at work?

—Customers, 51.7 percent
—Bosses, 25.4 percent
—My own opinion, 22.8 percent

Our winning strategy for maintaining your perspective at work comes from Mary E. who runs her business out of her house in Seattle, WA. "I gain perspective by working in the garden. It's there that I remember there are times when the work you do today won't serve any purpose for months. And sometimes you're just feeding slugs. That's okay. Even slugs gotta eat. On rainy days it's time to get out of the garden and back to work."

(Send feedback to bob @workingwounded.com)

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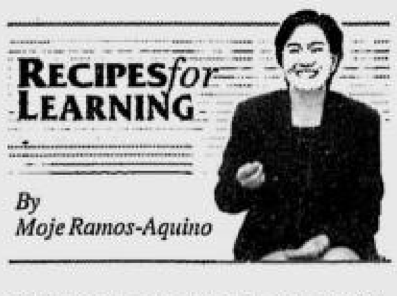
GAWAD PITAK AWARDEE

Claveria Agri-based Multi-Purpose Cooperative general manager Petra Martinez receives the plaque for this year's *Pinakatanging Kooperatiba* under the agri-based category from President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and Land Bank of the Philippines president and CEO Gary Teves. The co-op scored a rare feat as they become the first cooperative in the eight-year history of Gawad Pitak to win the top prize for two straight years. At extreme right is Hilaro Somera, chair of Claveria Agri-based Multi-Purpose Cooperative.

Get rid of work in paperwork



RECIPES*for* LEARNING

By Moje Ramos-Aquino

DO you sometimes think that there is not enough time to do all the things you need to do and want done in a day? Do you look at those stacks of books, journals, magazines, reports and memos on top of your desk and wish that you had supernatural powers to enable you to read and understand all those important reading materials in half the time it normally takes you to read them? Do you wish that you had ten assistants to help you read and write all those letters and reports required of you? Paperwork! Volumes of them everyday. Arghhhhhh! What to do?

Welcome back to your Workshop on Using Time Effectively and Efficiently to Achieve Our Life Plan While Enjoying Our Work. What are the things you need to do help you get through the volumes of paper (including e-mail) requiring your time at work and at home?

Action now

First, sort your inbox or mailbox according to "for action now," "for action later," "for the circular file" or waste can. Put those "for action now" right in front of you and start working on them. Mark those "for action later" with the appropriate date and time that you will act on them. Use color coding so you can easily go back to them. For e-mail, mark them as "unread." The reason you are provided with one big wastebasket in the office is that your administrative people already anticipate the pile of junk paper you will be receiving. Same goes with your e-mail box. Transfer to "trash" or delete junk e-mail pronto.

Second, handle paperwork only once. Every time you touch a piece of paper, be prepared to decide on what to do with it, then, do it or nothing will happen. If you can already respond to a memo or mail, do it now. If you can delegate these paperwork do it now. If you can respond with a telephone call, better. Don't tell yourself that you will go back to it soon. Chances are you'll be deluged with more paperwork and you'll never get around to answering that mail at anytime in the near future.

Reading material

Third, if you have a stack of unread books, magazines and journals, it is time to evaluate the value of such reading materials to you. If you don't really have time to read them, cancel your subscription. If there is somebody else who could read them for you and give you a digest, delegate. Scan your papers for important articles, mark that page and go back to it during your slack time within the week. If any of these reading materials sit on your desk for more than a week, pass them on to your library or your secretary so that others might read and benefit from them.

Fourth, write short and to-the-point letters and reports. Use simple sentences, conversational words and fact-oriented style. Long, hard-to-understand reports are a waste of writing and reading time. Say only what you want to say and what can help your reader to act the way as you want them to act. Don't drown your reader in poetic and fancy verbiage. Leave this style to lawyers. *O, di ba?*

Delegation

Fifth, train your secretary or assistant to do the first four tips. Teach them to screen your mail and tell them what are important to you and what are junk. Instruct them on what to write and how you want it written. Empower them to do your paperwork for you and you will have more free time for more important business.

Sixth, enroll in a speed-reading course and really learn. Or get a self-help book on speed-reading and teach yourself. Don't read aloud or chew gum or smoke or munch on food while you are reading. Use your finger as a guide while reading, moving it faster and faster down the page.

Seventh, block a time for reading. Arrange in the order of importance your stack of must-read papers and books. Have pen and paper ready for note taking. Close your door or wear an earphone or listen to some apt background music. Concentrate on what you are doing. Don't take telephone calls.

Electronic age

Eighth, tell people to tape their reports. That way you could listen to the tape while travelling. Respond in the same tape if you have a recorder. After all, this is the electronic age where we are supposed to be paperless.

Ninth, use the telephone or talk to the recipient of your memo or report. Two-way communication is better than a one-way type anytime. Then, you can just write a summary of what you have discussed, if needed.

Tenth, here are some sundry tips. Write your response in the margins of the letter or report that you receive. Use form paragraphs for routine letters and reports. Use the telephone more and write less. Form reading groups in your office or organize your family into a reading group. Agree on what each of you will read and discuss them during lunch (or dinner) or any slack time with your family. Read the table of contents and the last paragraph of every chapter or the last chapter of a book and decide to read or not. Don't read in a running vehicle. You might save time but you will surely lose your eyesight.

There is no escaping paperwork. There is so much to learn in this information age and not much time to read and write. Take up these tips.

(Send feedback to Moje.Ramos @Aquino.ZZN.com)

How to be confident during a job interview

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BY TITA DATU PUANGCO

I AM a fresh graduate looking for a job. What scares me most is the interview. I usually get nervous Help me to somehow overcome this feeling and be more confident. I would really appreciate it if you would give me advice.

Nervous Applicant

A job interview can indeed be a daunting task and experience not just for first timers like you but even for people who have experienced being interviewed in the past.

Advice
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To help you get through this experience, it is important to possess the right mindset towards the interview. Look at it not as an earth-shaking event (even though your future job may depend on it) but as a conversation between two professionals. You are in fact in control of the situation since you are the expert on the subject that is yourself. The impressions and facts that the interviewer is able to gather depend very much on what you do and what you say. So the situation is well within your area of influence.

Preparation

To ease your nervousness, prepare well. What do you need to prepare? First, get to know the company that you want to join. Check if the company has a web site and download information about it: its vision, mission, values, products and services and key officers. You can also ask people you know who currently work for the company, if any, about its work ethic and norms.

Then, zero in on the job that you are aspiring for. Find out if there is a fit between your academic background and the competencies of your desired job. Knowing the dimensions and skills required will allow you to customize your resume to demonstrate the match between what you possess and the job. Never underestimate the value of your extracurricular activities. Companies interested in leadership potential will likely be interested in them.

Anticipate the questions that the interviewer is likely to ask. You may want to ask a human resource practitioner what typical questions are asked of people applying for your particular position. Or try to imagine and write interview questions based on your resume. Interviewers are trained to bring out particular skills, attitudes or values that are linked to job requirements.

You can also do a role play with a friend or a sister asking the expected interview questions and you answering. You may want to record on tape the conversation. Listen to it. You may then spot certain answers that do not present you in a nice light. Or may give a different perception to what you envision. Improve on your answers.

Interview date

On the day of the interview, try to arrive fifteen minutes before the scheduled time. Dress in a manner that is congruent with the company dress code. This gives you time to empty your bladder, run a comb over your hair and take ten deep breaths to relax you. You can also visualize yourself confidently smiling and shaking the hand of the interviewer. Be ready with a copy of the resume that you sent earlier, so that you can use this as a memory guide during the course of the interview. You can also note down some questions you would like to ask the interviewer about the company if the situation and time allows. Don't forget to thank the interviewer at the end of the conversation.

Now, some final tips. In our company and other companies I know, we hire for attitude and train for skills. We prefer fresh college graduates as support staff not only on the basis of good grades but primarily for enthusiasm for learning, energy and character during the interview. We like people with a positive and proactive attitude towards work. Since we are a training and consulting company, we can give them all the skills they would require later.

Negative perception

Remember that what can turn off an interviewer is a perception that the applicant will mainly use the company as a stepping stone or training ground. Companies are keen about employee retention. I recall an incident when, as head of the training center of a unibank, I interviewed a candidate for junior bank officer. He was a brilliant guy with a freshly minted MBA from the US. Asked about his vision, he confidently said, "I want to build a nest egg in five years and have enough drop-dead money so I can challenge my future employer." Considering that the bank offers steady growth and promotions and not dramatic leaps in compensation, I realized the guy was going to use the bank as a training ground. Furthermore, his bloated expectations would make him a restless officer.

Finally, face your interviewer with confidence. Nervousness and fidgeting may telegraph lack of confidence and competence. So keep your hands on your lap or sides, sit tall and straight and look at your interviewer in the eye. I wish you all the best. I hope you land your dream job very soon. God bless you.

(Readers can still catch Ms Puangco's People at Work Live! seminar on Achieving Your Personal Vision in Troubled Times at 6 p.m. tomorrow at the Makati Sports Club. Register at any Inquirer *Classified Ads branch.)*

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Career plan helped COO to achieve his goals

By Cecile G. Garcia

CAREER *Tales*

I HAVE always followed a career plan," says Ramon Salazar, Makati Sports Club's General Manager. And inspite of unexpected twists and turns, he has managed to achieve his goals. "The reason for this is that I know what I want and I go after it," he adds.

Salazar, 38, interestingly, is a civil engineer by profession and used to work in the Civil Service Commission. How he made the transition from government to managing prestigious, private clubs is one of the surprise turns his career had taken.

Track record

Salazar recounts working at the Civil Service Commission. "I was with the commission from 1987 to 1994. I started as building maintenance head. Five years later, I became director for administration," says Salazar. He did about 90 percent of Civil Service Commission offices nationwide, including three training centers and a road network.

Leaving government service, Salazar went into real estate with the Filinvest group, and simultaneously, put up his own construction business. Then, he got an offer from the Manila Polo Club. "I did not realize that it would open up a new career for me," he says. He worked with the club as maintenance manager from 1994 to 1995. During this time, he was offered a job as construction manager in Malaysia, but the Polo Club board asked him to take over as general manager, a position he held from 1995 to 1998. Salazar says he has never regretted joining the Polo Club. Salazar joined Makati Sports Club three years ago.

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SALAZAR

Exciting work

According to Salazar, working in a private club like the Makati Sports is fun. "It's exciting, endearing. There is never a dull moment." His job, of course, entails monitoring all the areas daily and making sure that all the facilities are in tiptop shape. He deals with 1,500 members (a new batch is inducted every two months), a constant challenge since he has to make certain that all the members are happy and satisfied with the club's services. Achieving this goal on a day-to-day basis is not always easy, which makes it all the more rewarding. Positive feedback, says Salazar, never fails to perk up his spirits and to encourage him to outdo himself every time.

"We have computerized our bowling lanes and upgraded the gym and tennis courts. We have extended the coffee shop, the club's most popular outlet." Work on the façade is now going on.

In addition, Salazar, who believes in being innovative, has introduced new activities in the club. "We give members something to look forward to on special occasions like Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas. We also hold sports tournaments such as the aerobics marathon every now and then."

Temperament

Salazar is temperamentally suited to his job. "Not everybody can be an effective GM of an establishment like this," he ventures to say. "Of course, it ultimately boils down to enjoying what you do." But, he stresses, certain qualifications or traits are necessary.

Foremost among these, according to Salazar, is patience. "You can imagine why. I happen to be a very patient man." Salazar further adds that it's crucial for the GM to be sensitive to the needs of the club members. "He must be open to every learning experience. He needs to read and research. He must be creative and most importantly, he must learn to listen."

Listening, Salazar discloses, is at the core of his management style. He remarks, "I encourage members and the staff to communicate with me either personally or through written memos or e-mail. Regardless of how they're conveyed, I make them realize that their inputs are important to me and to the club." Largely, Salazar's management style has been largely instrumental in his successful career as GM, which after seven years, according to him, has almost become a way of life.

Prayer

Salazar's way of life encompasses family and career, in that order. In terms of fulfillment, Salazar feels nothing beats the kind he finds with his family. He fiercely professes that he would not trade them for anything in the world. He refers to Sharon, his wife of 11 years and their 10-year-old son and eight-year-old daughter (a third child is on the way).

For Salazar, it seems that nearly everything has gone according to plan—despite the interesting twists and turns. "It's because I'm a prayerful man. I pray for the company and the people I work with. I pray for harmony among us and I pray for everyone's success."

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Down memory lane and all that sob stuff

All aboard the 2bU! Time Machine! Take the grand tour back to the fabulous past—the junk food we used to eat like the Pacman, the places we hung out in until we got collared by the truant cops, the books that best expressed our awkward acne-prone years, the movies that made us cry in the silliest of scenes, the songs that became our anthems and the people who became our icons

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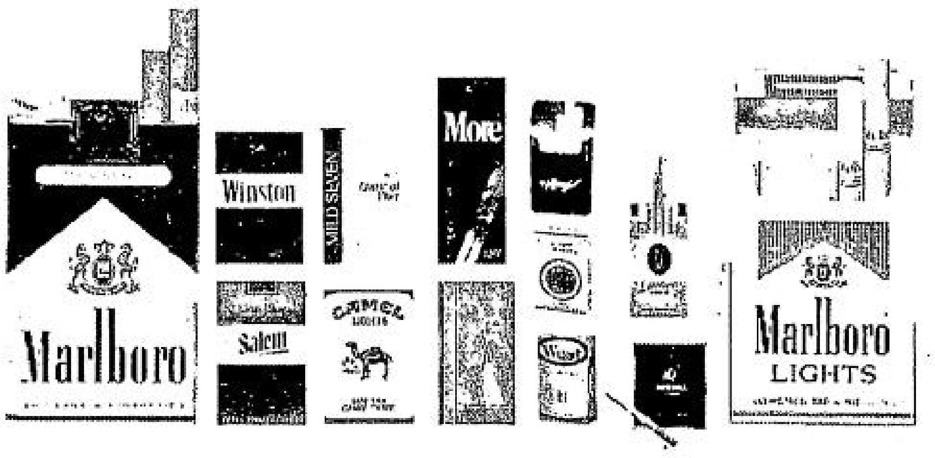

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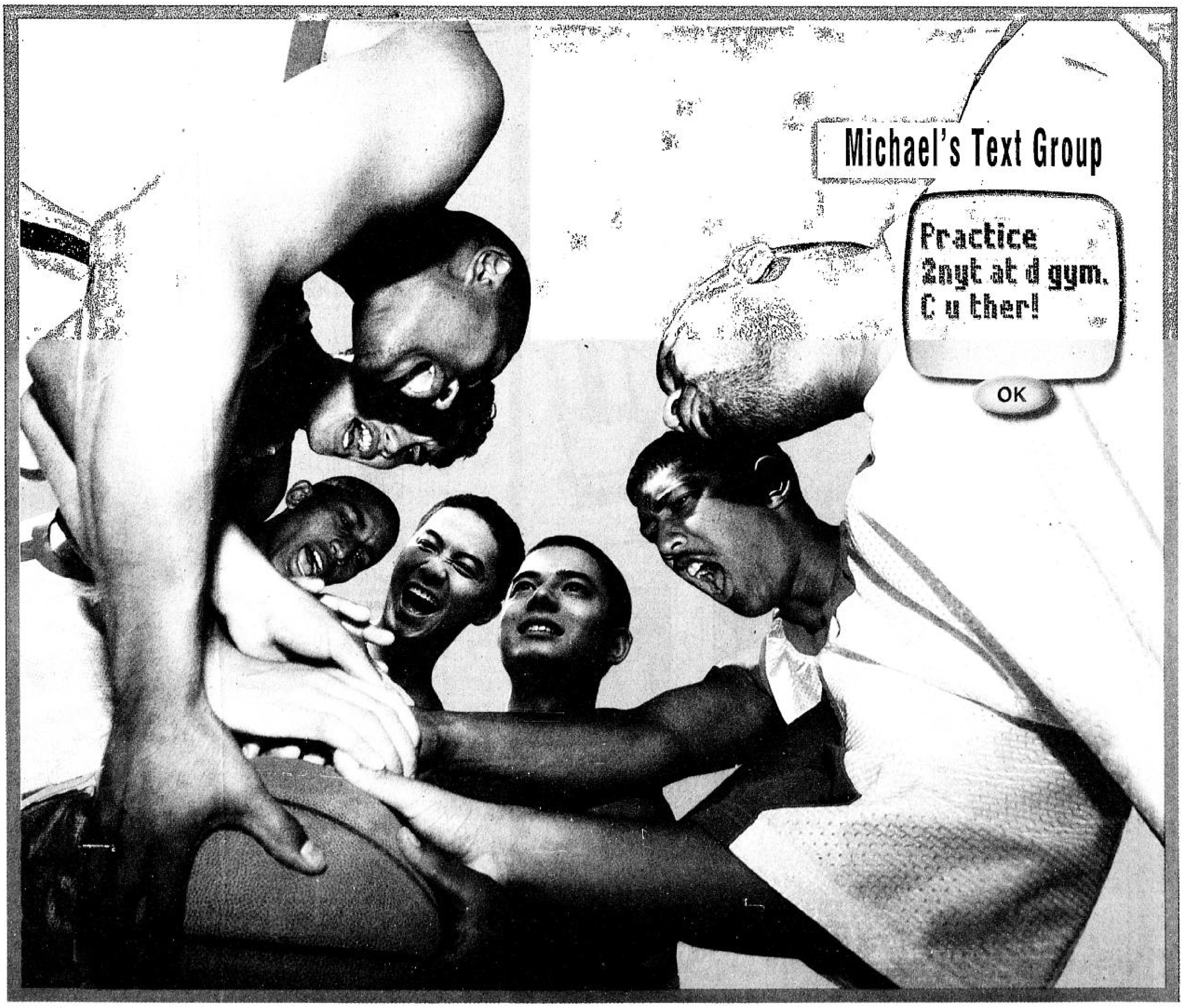
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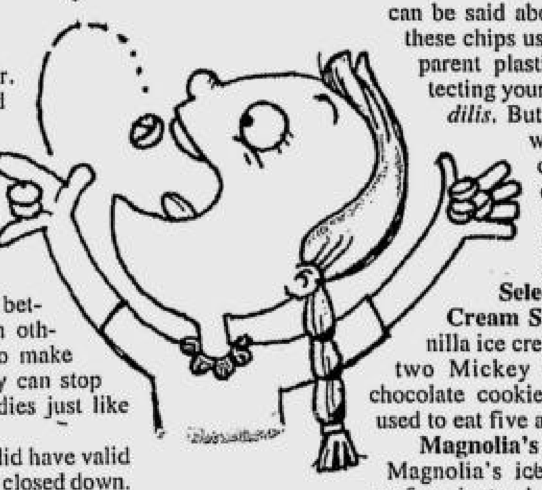
The Willy Wonka Factory in my mind

By Pam Pastor

Jack and Jill Barbecue Curls, Coney Island, 'binatog' and cotton candy! Oh, where are they now? They're gone, leaving us bittersweet memories of their sweet taste



THE WORLD is not fair. Criminals are walking around when they should be locked up till they rot. Children who should be in school are out in the streets looking for money. Telecoms want to start stealing free text messages from us. Some people are born richer, better-looking and luckier than others. Companies who used to make our mouths water think they can stop the production of their goodies just like that.

All right, so maybe they did have valid reasons. Maybe the company closed down. Maybe they weren't selling and were losing money. Maybe. But even the most valid reason doesn't help when we miss our old favorites. Badly.

Join 2bU! as we reminisce and celebrate the old and now nonexistent treats that used to delight our palates.

Cheezels and Chikadees. Okay, so the little thingies covered with bright orange cheese and the chicken-y smelling balls aren't exactly the best junk food you had ever tasted. But these two treats gave you something to look forward to after your classes in grade school—the little toys inside. Most memorable to me were the colorful slimy sticky pop-up toys. My brother and I drove Mom crazy when we made a game of throwing them up the bedroom ceiling to make them stick (and they did!).

Arnott's Tim Tams. Tim Tams are a gift from heaven. If you've never tried one, you owe your taste buds a major explanation. These are wonderful chocolate-filled, chocolate-covered rectangular biscuits. Too freaking sweet, you may be thinking. Wrong. They're creamy, they're perfect—just the right amount of chocolate. And they're no longer available. Before I got my braces, Tim Tams were my last pig-out food. I ate an entire box just like that. Had I known they would no longer be sold soon after that, I would have stuffed my face even more. Today, one could only dream about these mouth-watering goodies. I know I do. Just a couple of days back, I chanced upon what looked like a big box of Tim Tams in Shopwise. It was a gift pack that contained three packages of Tim Tams. To my surprise, they now offered two flavors, Choco Chocolate and Choco Vanilla. I rushed back to the office, vowing to myself that if they tasted like the old Tim Tams, I would go back and buy all the boxes. Sadly, they didn't. The chocolate covering the biscuit was bittersweet, not milk. Now I miss the old Tim Tams even more.

Horlicks. Horlicks is a popular chocolate drink in Hong Kong. They used to sell the candy version here, which was very, very similar to your Ovalteenies. These red and white packets were found near the counters of your favorite supermarkets, where your Chupa Chups and Strepsils now are.

Carol Anne's Cheese Potato Chips. Not much can be said about the packaging since these chips used to come in the transparent plastic bags now seen protecting your common *chicharon* and *dilis*. But the potato chips inside were fantastic. Perfectly crisp and flavorful, these chips tasted real, not like the factory-produced starch we are now being swamped with.

Selecta's Mickey Mouse Ice Cream Sandwich. Good old vanilla ice cream sandwiched between two Mickey Mouse-shaped chewy chocolate cookies. This was so good I used to eat five a day.

Magnolia's Ice Cream Sandwich. Magnolia's ice cream sandwich used wafers instead of your usual cookie, which made for a light and creamy treat.

Cigarette Gum. Paper-covered rolls of gum in pretend cigarette cartons. This was perfect for freaking our *yayas* out. "*I-soomboong kita sa mami mo!*" our cook once said in halting Tagalog.

Jack and Jill Barbecue Curls. For lactose-intolerant, cheese-hating people, Jack and Jill used to produce an alternative to their popular curls. Not anymore.

Puffy cones. The one sure thing to stop my bawling while heading for my pediatrician to get shots was a puffy cone. This treat was a cone filled with chocolate-covered strawberry marshmallow. The perfect tranquilizer for little cowards.

Chocovim. Chocovim used to be a staple in every child's life. The Chocolait-like treat used to be sold in bottles before it was phased out. It was again produced years later but this time, the chocolate milk came in pyramid-shaped cartons. That one didn't last either.

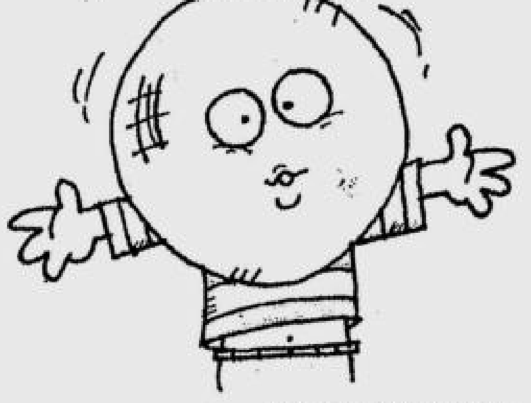
Jack and Jill Cheese Munchees. My first boyfriend used to tell me about his routine after getting out of Ateneo grade school in the afternoons. He'd go to a store across the street and buy packs of Munchees that he could eat on his way home. When production came to a halt, he was heartbroken. Jack and Jill has since then produced Salt and Vinegar Munchees, but somehow the new flavor doesn't hold the same appeal.

Tira tira. The *tira tira* of our generation can be remembered as a chalk-shaped, hard candy. But my mom tells me there was another kind of *tira tira* in her time. Stretchy, chewy and taffy-like. She still gets a glazed look in her eyes when she remembers it.

Pom Poms. Pom Poms were little caramel-filled chocolate balls that came in yellow boxes. They were chewy, they were sweet, and now they are gone.

Fruit Stripes. You remember the little pony on the packages? Or was that a donkey? Regardless, kids loved Fruit Stripes. These sticks of gum came in different flavors with pretty stripes in corresponding colors. And they were so fragrant I can still smell them.

Bubble Yum. Bubble Yum was so good that my jaw still aches at the thought of it. It came in all sorts of flavors, including watermelon and banana. My top picks were grape and the original flavor. Although it's still available in the market, the Bubble Yum of today is smaller than its original counterpart. The old one was more chewy and juicy, too.



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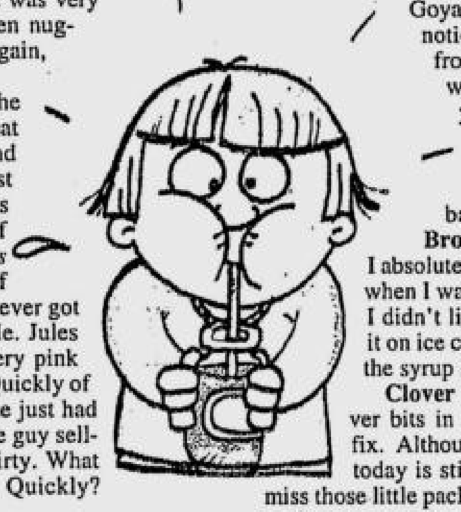
McDonald's Milkshakes. There was a time when you could enjoy your Big Macs with creamy, milky shakes. McDonald's used to serve three flavors—vanilla, chocolate or strawberry until they just stopped in the '80s. The sad thing is, they still serve it abroad. I had my last heavenly vanilla milkshake in McDonald's Hong Kong. Why can't we have them here? Ronald, listen to the people's clamor. We want our shakes back.

McDonald's Twister Fries. Here's another treat that was just too good to last. Twister Fries have been playing a now-you-see-me-now-you-don't game with us for too long a time. Please, just do us all a favor and put it on the permanent menu.

McDonald's Chicken Sinangag. While we're on the subject of McDonald's, might as well bring this up. A few months ago, they added another option to their breakfast menu. The chicken *sinangag*. This was served for a very short time, so short that when I talk about it, most of my friends look at me like they think I just dreamt about it. Believe me, it was very real. It was very good. I'd give up my chicken nuggets to have that back. Then again, maybe not.



Scramble. I never had the chance to try this frozen treat when I was a kid. Mom and grandma had a thing against street food. Although I was able to sneak in afternoons of *bagoong*-topped *singkamas* on sticks and lots and lots of fishballs, for some reason I never got around to trying the scramble. Jules remembers this as being "very pink and sweet." Sort of like the Quickly of yesteryear, perhaps. Then she just had to add, "The thumbnail of the guy selling it was really long and dirty. What was I thinking?" Ummm. Quickly? Maybe not.

Binatog. Corn and shredded coconut with your choice of sugar or salt. I liked my *binatog* way salty. I couldn't imagine eating it with sugar. To this day, *binatog* vendors occasionally can be seen in the streets riding their bikes that carry tubs of this old Filipino favorite. For those who couldn't wait around for them to appear, especially since they hardly do so now, there used to be a stall in Shangri-La Plaza that was selling *binatog* in styrofoam boxes. It was good, too, but somehow, it wasn't the same. Truly, hygiene and sanitation can make a major difference.

Cotton candy. *Binatog* vendors aren't the only ones who have disappeared, or dwindled in number. Old men who push around metal cotton candy-makers are almost extinct. When I was in prep, my grandpa used to pick me up from school and then bring me to his lunch meetings with clients. On occasions he would be late, he knew the only way to silence my bawling (yes, I know, I was such a crybaby) was to buy me cotton candy from the vendor outside school. I would soon be sitting quietly in my chair during his meeting, face tear-streaked and muddy but perfectly content with my pink cotton treat. It was the perfect pacifier. I pity the little kids today. They're stuck with artificial pseudo-cotton candy wannabes sold in the market now.

Bun on the Run's Chorizo Pizza. Back in the early '90s, there was a culinary secret in the annex of SM City. Bun on the Run, a pizza place, served Chorizo Pizza that was absolutely delightful. The crust was thin, it was bursting with flavor and they were generous with the *chorizo* topping. Good is an understatement. It was heavenly. Bun on the Run also served chewy cookie bars that were full of gooey chocolate. Yum!

Coney Island Ice Cream. Pistachio and bubble gum—these were the must-order flavors of Coney Island. Now that this ice cream is no longer available, allow me to thank Dreyer's, Baskin and Robbins and Hëagen Dazs for making the pain of Coney's absence a little more bearable.

Coney Island Eskimo Roll. Imagine two huge chocolate chip cookies sandwiching a huge dollop of vanilla or chocolate ice cream. Then imagine this entire ice cream sandwich rolled in nuts. This was Coney Island's Eskimo Roll. For a short time, even after most Coney Island shops closed, a small bakery on Banawe Street still sold this. But sadly, they've ran out, too.

Keebler's Magic Middles. Magic Middles were treats whipped up for us by the famous Keebler elves. Although they continue to sell other goodies, I continue to dream about the chocolate-filled cookies of my childhood.

Lipps Candy. Bright pink strawberry/cherry-flavored candies that little girls used to play with by pretending the candy was lipstick. It was disgusting, it made our lips as sticky as hell, but hey, it worked. Not to fulfill our desires though, instead of looking like pretty ladies, we looked like clowns with bright pink mouths.

Shawarma. *Shawarma* stands used to be so hot. But one by one, it seems like they've all closed down. There are still a few that have remained open, thankfully, for those people who like this Mediterranean treat.

Rolling Stones. Forget Maltesers, we used to have a local counterpart. Rolling Stones, which were chocolate-covered honeycomb balls, came in orange packs. If I remember correctly, they were just P3.50 when I was in grade school.

Hershey's Bar None. The Bar None in my mind did not come in an unattractive yellow cover and it did not have too-sweet-for-my-taste buds caramel. The old Bar None came in a packaging of different shades of brown that immediately told you, "I'm gooey and chocolatey! Pick me, chocoholic!" Yes, it was gooey, it was chocolatey. Perfect for a quick sugar fix.

Goya's original recipe. If you try Goya chocolates today, you would notice that they taste very different from the old ones. The older ones were creamy and melted easily in your mouth. The new Goya seems to crumble, instead of melt, and leaves a soapy aftertaste. We want the old Goya back!

Brown Cow. If there was one thing I absolutely had to have in the refrigerator when I was a kid, it was Brown Cow. And I didn't like mixing it with milk—I liked it on ice cream or better yet, I liked eating the syrup straight from the bottle.

Clover Bits. Leslie's used to sell Clover bits in tiny packets for a quick snack fix. Although the extra-cheesy Clover of today is still as good, one cannot help but miss those little packs that can easily be slid in one's packet.

Chocolait in a glass bottle. Chocolait now comes in plastic bottles or the cartons that come in two different sizes. Years ago, though, I'm sure you remember that Chocolait came in thick glass bottles. These bottles were even used by a lot of people for keeping tap water cold in the refrigerators.

Cola Candy. Cola Candy in the purple wrapper was usually sold in *sari-sari* stores or sidewalks. This has been replaced with Dynamite, Maxx and a host of other different generic hard candies.

Original Chippy. Jules swears that the Chippy of today isn't the same as the Chippy of before. She has begged, pleaded, wheedled and whined for this to be included in the list, in the hopes that Jack and Jill will revert to the original recipe. Let's wait and see.

Dip Pops. This was a Goya product. These lollipops came with powder dips for a more interesting sucking experience.

Combos. Combos used to come in bigger carton containers and an assortment of flavors. I liked their pizza line. Now, Combos come in packs and usually have just one flavor—cheese.

Benson's. The individually wrapped Benson's candies tasted very different from the rolls that you can now buy. The old kind was more chocolatey and the caramel was more chewy. The packaging now may look more hip than the old drab one, but then again, it's what's inside that really counts.

Melody Pops. A lollipop and whistle in one. No wonder kids loved this. I was really beginning to miss it. But when I remembered the racket my little brother used to make with these lollipops, add to that the amount of saliva spillage, I can say that we are better off without some things.

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WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

Letting the past flash before your eyes

www.yesterdayland.com

By Walter Ang

WHEN I was younger, my parents would tell me about soft drink and cigarette brands that were popular during their time. My siblings and I always thought the names were silly and we laughed a lot. Of course, we were really laughing *at* my parents for being so ancient rather than laughing *with* them.

Recently, I was the one who felt ancient. I was in an office that was still using a manual typewriter when two kids came in. They looked at the machine like it was the wildest, funniest thing on earth. It seems unbelievable but there are kids today who have never seen a typewriter.

When 2bU! readers become grandparents and start waxing poetic to their grandchildren about the PlayStation 2 or whatever new techno-gizmo comes up one of these days, I wonder how the kids will react. Anyway, before that happens, we can bone up on the icons of our youth, that we will be telling our grandchildren, by visiting Yesterdayland.com.

The tagline says it all, "Your childhood is here." And boy, is it ever! It lists, quite extensively, symbols of the pop culture of yesteryears starting with the childhood staple: Saturday cartoons. It is so much fun to visit pages of Plastic Man, Mighty Man and Yukk, the Smurfs, the Bionic Six and so many more old friends. Bet you didn't know that before the Autobots and Decepticons, there was the Challenge of the Gobots!

Each page has a short description of the entry, a guest book where you can share your memories of the show and even a forum where you can hold discussions to your heart's content.

The site also lists other things that defined our grade school days: prime time televisions shows (what happened to "Perfect Strangers"?), pop music (Spandau Ballet, anyone?), and even popular kids' movies.

If network gaming is your cup of tea these days, you should see the fun games that were around then and Atari was the coolest thing in the world. In the Arcade Games section, go through such classics as Pac-Man, Galaga and Frogger.

Another cool thing in our world then was, of course, metal lunchboxes. Yesterdayland lists them all down for you with pictures to bring back memories of recess and the *baon* your mom used to make for you.

For easy reference, entries are broken down into decades (as far back as the '50s) and are alphabetized. The site is perfect for a lot of fun reminiscing although if you flip through the fashion of yesteryears, you could well scream, "What was I thinking?!" (Cabbage roses are making a comeback, aren't they? Cabbage what?) The next time your mother gives you a hard time on your wardrobe, just click through the outfits of her time, smile and say, "Ahem."

This can also be a great site for history teachers to pique students' attention. Imagine your teacher saying, "Class, interview your parents on what it was like in the (insert decade of your choice). Then supplement your interviews by going to Yesterdayland.com." Learning really has come a long way with the Internet.

The site could be a useful tool for those into sociology and anthropology, even for those who do plays or movies set in the not-so-recent past. The Ambeth Ocampos (who writes about history in the INQUIRER's Opinion page) of today would have a much easier time telling us about the past if only this site's entries reached that far back in time. For now, take a stroll, or shall I say web-surf, down memory lane.

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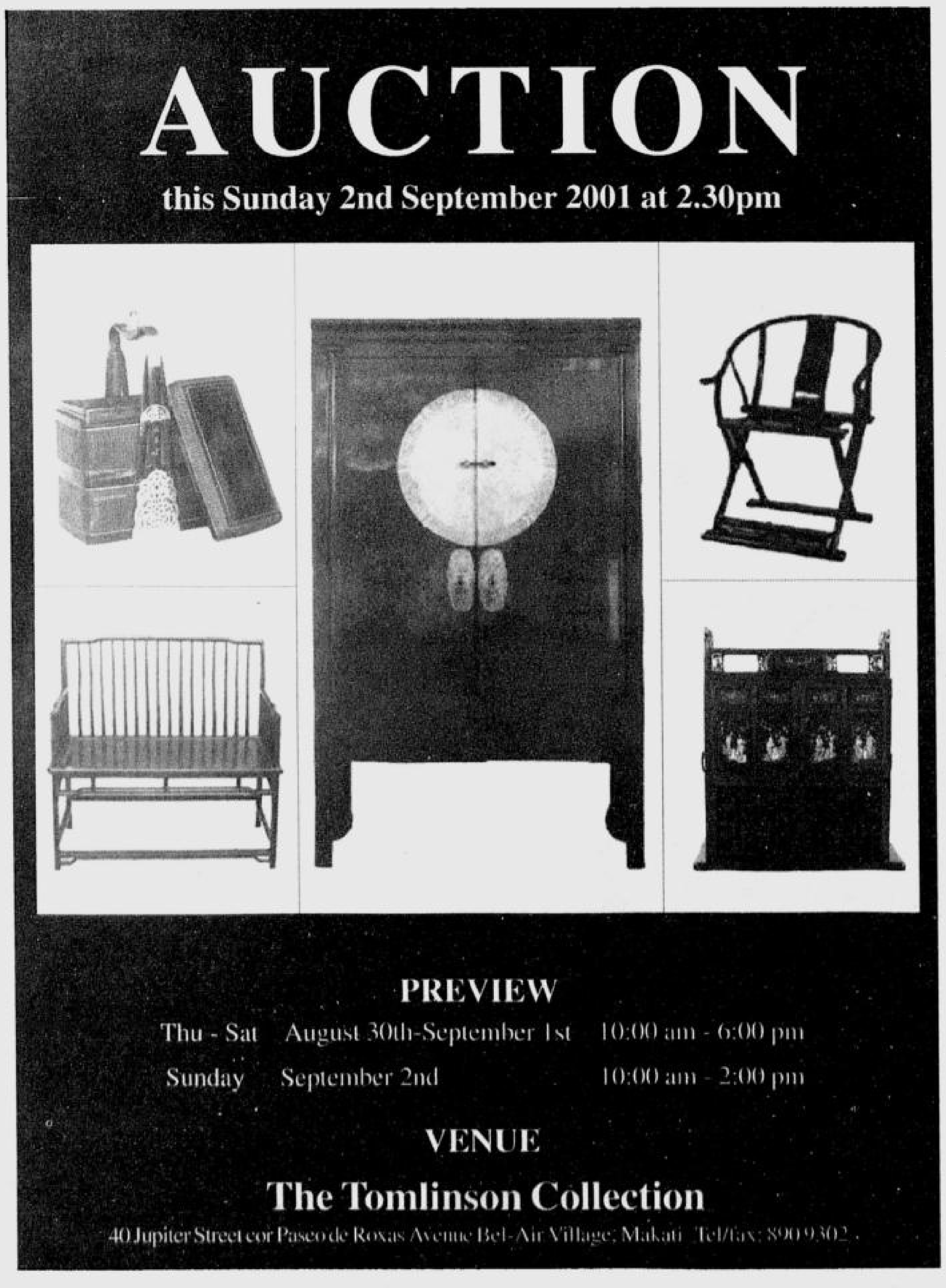

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Chalk chalks up first year in big way

CHALK Magazine turns a year old this August and will have an anniversary party on Sept. 1, 9 p.m. at the FGM Studio, Kalayaan Avenue, Bel Air, Makati.

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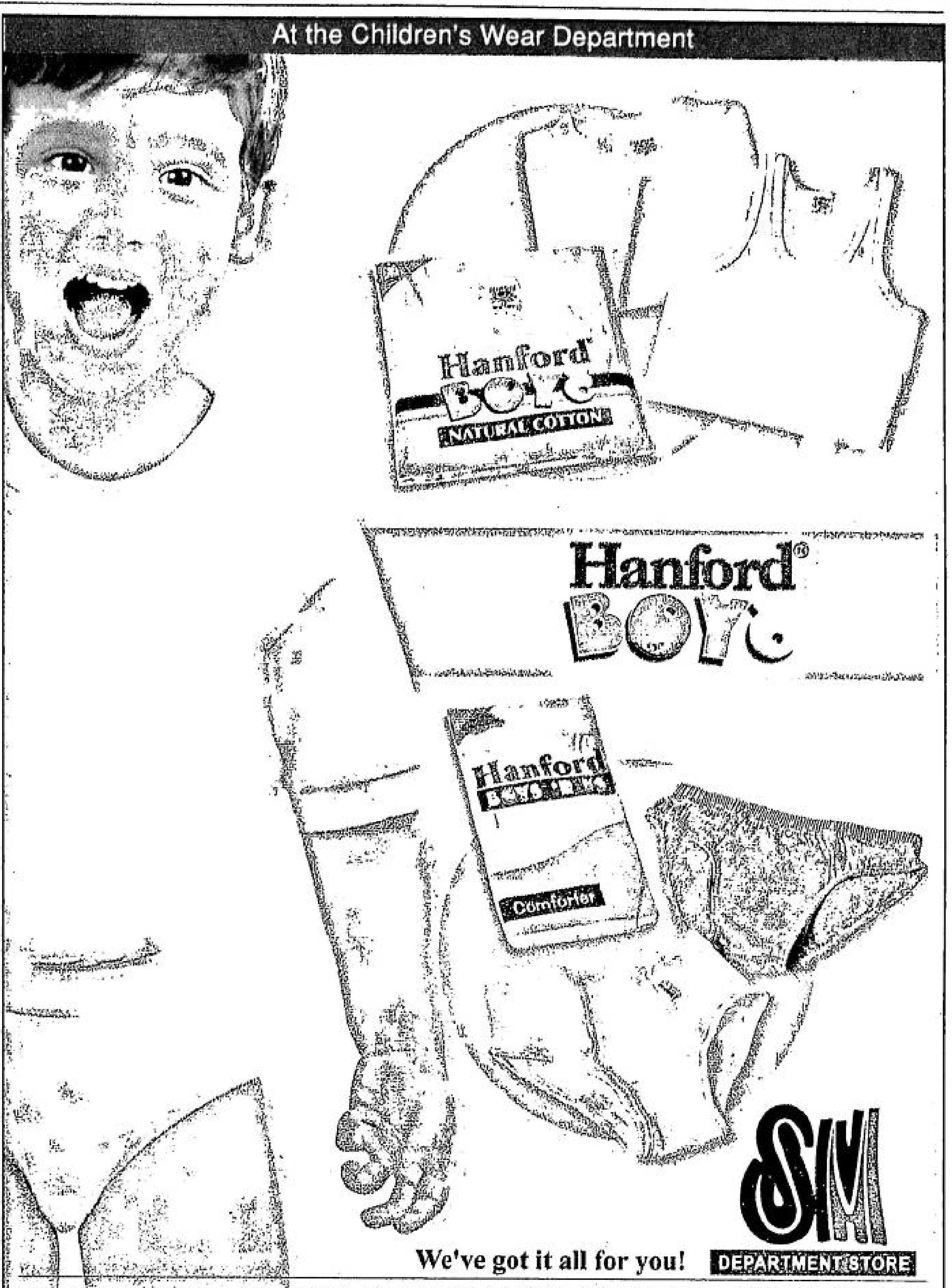

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Places I like to revisit

By Giles Ivan A. Aquino
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IF someone were to ask me, "Where do you want to go today?" I wouldn't answer Paris or the Caribbean, but instead I would mention those places where Mom and Dad used to bring me and my brothers—biking, riding the horror trains and the merry-go-round that seemed to take me to an endless voyage across dreamland. I would want to watch the elephants bathe themselves and hear the tigers purr as I licked my favorite chocolate flavored ice cream and enjoyed the view of ships docked along the waters of Manila Bay.

Before Enchanted Kingdom there was Fiesta Carnival. It was my Disneyland. Mickey Mouse did not have to be there. The sight of the roller coaster, the Ferris Wheel and the bump cars was enough to amuse me. Riding them was a bonus! As I drove those buggies I felt like I had my own little Ferrari, one that I did not have to worry about getting scratched as I played tag with my brothers. A tug on Dad's shirt brought us to a new destination—hotdog stands.

While Harry Potter enjoys talking to boa constrictors, I liked yelling at them. At the Manila Zoo, I was not afraid of the lions or alligators. The lions looked too lazy to leave their dens and the alligators seemed stoned whenever I visited the zoo. Good thing the giraffes were always lively and it was all right to feed them. It still fascinates me how they manage to live with their very long necks. Speaking of long necks, I remember buying a stringed puppet at the entrance to the zoo. It looked like an ostrich and was handy when we had a class presentation in third grade about our favorite toy.

When I was younger, the Cultural Center of the Philippines was not yet a venue for big theatrical plays. The area was still a favorite site for biking. We would either rent a bicycle or a trike (tricycle), as I called it, and go around the CCP from early evening until midnight. Dawn every Saturday meant a trip to Rizal Park. I would help my *lola* prepare the food the night before, which we shared as we spent half a day in Luneta. I did not only enjoy the view of the ships in the bay, but also the spectacular sunrise.

Amusement parks have always been part of the Yuletide season and I recall that my family made a visit to Payanig sa Pasig an annual event. As a toddler, I needed a lot of courage to go down a 25-30-ft slide. I was quite proud to have conquered my fear. My dream of holding snow was partly satisfied in one of Payanig's amusement rooms, which had crushed ice falling from the ceiling. Although it did not really look like what I saw in television shows, I did not care much.

Christmas would not be complete without seeing the mechanical mannequins of COD in Cubao. I would sit on my father's shoulder while I watched the images move like they were real. They had a different setting every year but what I remember best is its showcase of Filipino traditions. One group was playing *palo sebo*, the other was tending a *lechon* and another was dancing the *tinikling*. It was a scene of culture and colors.

No doubt I am an SM kid. My brothers and I would often check out the newest matchbox models in the department store and plead with our parents to buy them for us. I would have a crane, the youngest a car and the middle one a plane. As kids are naturally playful, we once got lost in the store, but instead of crying and embarrassing ourselves, we yelled "Mama" until she found us. That was the first time I knew how it was to be lost and it was really frightening.

Although those places defined the word "fun" for me as a child, there is one place I still often go to until now—my mother's arms.

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July: Summer dresses, swimsuits and summer shoes. Look around for items that may interest you, like a sexy pair of jeans and flattering shorts. But bear in mind a lot of these products may be made in the Philippines so opt to buy more stuff here, which will definitely cost less. Check out Greenhills and Glorietta. Even our department stores may surprise you with their export-overrun sections. If you buy here though, make sure to fit and check for uneven seams, holes on garments and discoloration.

August: Summer sportswear and pre-season sale for autumn/fall clothes. Again, unless you are a professional athlete, ignore the sportswear as much as possible. Pick up some fall items in materials or style you can stand wearing in the Philippines. The colors are leaning toward brown and wine shades like chocolate, camel, burgundy, claret, plum and sangria. Instead of buying the thick coats, get sheer cardigans with matching tank tops.

September: Raincoats, fall suits and winter coats. This is the toughest time to hold on to your resolve to buy items on sale only because the stores in cooperation with the fashion magazines are on full force with the newest and hottest things which are not on sale. It is, after all, back to school for the kids. Sure there are appropriate items for the season on sale, but they look very ordinary. There are no trendy animal prints and faux foxy furs that make us look glamorous. Advice: Be patient and have a look around. You will find maybe a handbag at first, then a scarf, and later a blouse or even a coat. You are not supposed to wear them all at once—just one item at a time or you will be a fashion blooper. Do not go crazy and buy all the items in that trendy print because by the time you get to wear them all, the look is over. Pick one or two hot items (e.g. bag and coat or boots and scarf) then keep wearing them to get your money back.

October: Leather jackets, faux and real fur coats, novelty sweaters and fall suits. The suits are too warm for our weather, so ignore them. If you've always wanted a leather jacket, now is the time to get them. Just make sure it's the perfect one for you; the style and fit must be flattering. Shop with a friend you trust and one who loves clothes because a good quality one, even on sale, is still expensive so make sure it's money well spent. Opt for faux fur instead of the real thing because the latter will shed and go bald in Philippine weather. One or two sweaters for Tagaytay and Baguio trips are okay.

November: Evening and formal wear, winter coats and boots of different lengths. For the string of parties starting with thanksgiving till New Year's day on January, start looking for dressy eveningwear. As I mentioned under January, stick to neutral colored winter coats such as charcoal, black, camel and red at the trendiest. As for boots, the best colors are black, chocolate or toffee brown. Opt for the boot styles that make your feet look slim. Get them in leather or stretch material. The best and most comfortable ones are ankle or midcalf length for the warm weather. Others are too hot and you'll end up not wearing them.

December: Fine jewelry, eveningwear, and clearance for coats, sportswear and sweaters. Who has money to spend on themselves this month? Consider the above items gift options for loved ones, except maybe the fine jewelry. Maybe invest in another evening dress to use for the weddings in January. If you don't like dry-cleaning bills, stay away from heavily beaded clothes. Opt for slightly shimmery material instead.

Makeup

WHEN does makeup go on sale? It depends on the stores really, but the big advertised ones are February-March and August-September because of the season's change in color. For drugstore brands, watch out for coupons. The competition in the beauty industry is so fierce the consumers get a sweet deal often.

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A MOVIE is definitely an experience. Here we explore the films that defied the expectations of their time but remain relevant to us today. Whether it's their cinematic quality or mere charm, they have left a lasting impression on us all.

'Neverending Story' (1984)

Plot: Bastian, a motherless daydreamer who's bullied all the time, borrows (or steals) a forbidden book with a symbol of two intertwined snakes. Upon opening it, he enters the world of Fantasia. Soon, Bastian becomes part of the story. He becomes the hero who must save the kingdom of Fantasia from Nothingness.

Unforgettable factor: One of the best adventure-fantasy films of the '80s. Its production value was overwhelming. It showcased lots of characters and weird-looking costumes and hairdos (think Queen Amidala).

Tim Burton's 'Batman' series

Plot: Batman deals with Joker (minus the "kabooms" and "pows").

Unforgettable factor: Batman in a costume is more pleasing to the eyes. He possesses more imaginative gadgets and a better Batmobile.Jack Nicholson as Joker and Michael Keaton as Batman are class acts.

'Jurassic Park' (1994)

Plot: All hell breaks loose when the dinosaurs in Jurassic Park (Sea World meets the Great Valley) became uncontrollable.

Unforgettable factor: Remember the scene when the brontosaurus (or what we like to call "Big Little Foot") came into the picture? It looked so real and, like the guys in the movie, we were overwhelmed. The only dinosaurs we saw prior to "Jurassic Park" were the ones from the Great Valley in "Land Before Time." It earned lots of dough. We watched it in one of the four jam-packed theaters at SM Megamall. After its showing, "Lost World" and "Jurassic Park 3" weren't that amusing anymore.

'E.T.'

Plot: A profound friendship between 10-year-old Elliot and an alien who was left behind by its family.

Unforgettable factor: 'E.T.' was a must-see. This was one of the first movies on aliens we saw as friends and not as atrocious enemies. We remember crying a lot, especially in the scenes where E.T. was left behind; Elliot and E.T. rode the bicycle and traveled across the moon (which is now Amblin Entertainment's logo and a kiddie ride at Universal Studios), and the one where... Just watch it.

'Home Alone' (1990)

Plot: Kevin Macallister has the house to himself when his family forgets about him in their hurry to get to the airport. While Kevin does all he wants at home, he deals with the Wet Bandits who try to rob every house on the block.

Unforgettable factor: One of the best family fun movies. What's unforgettable is the overkill of child star Macaulay Culkin (remember his paychecks and his dad?), which resulted in... hmmm, anybody up for "The Pagemaster"?

Other picks: "Return of the Jedi," "Mannequin I," "Beetlejuice," "Labyrinth," "Transformers" the movie, "The Goonies," "D.A.R.Y.L.," "Back to the Future" series.

'Stand by Me' (1986)

Stars: Wil Wheaton, River Phoenix, Corey Feldman, Jerry O'Connell.

Plot: Based on the novel "The Body" by Stephen King, director Rob Reiner's "Stand by Me" is a timeless classic about coming of age. With the search for a dead body as its premise, the film explores universal themes of adolescents: friendship, loyalty, self-esteem and the quest for adventure. The four protagonists all gave impressive performances and had on-screen rapport rarely seen among young actors in movies today. This film served as a launch pad for the careers of both Reiner (who directed the movies "The Princess Bride" and "When Harry Met Sally") and the late River Phoenix ("Indiana Jones").

Unforgettable factor: Gordie's story about the pie-eating contest is one you will not soon forget. You will cringe at the thought of leeches after viewing this film.

'The Princess Bride' (1987)

Stars: Cary Elwes, Robin Wright, Mandy Patinkin, Chris Sarandon, Andre the Giant.

Plot: Screenwriter William Goldman penned this sweeping tale of a stable boy's rescue of his one true love. "The Princess Bride" is a movie both adults and kids will love. Full of unforgettable scenes and memorable characters, "The Princess Bride" is truly a movie experience.

Unforgettable factor: The hilarious battle of wits, which featured Vizzini, (Wallace Shawn) and the following quotes:

"As you wish."

"Inconceivable!"

"My name is Inigo Montoya, you killed my father, prepare to die!"

'Who Framed Roger Rabbit' (1988)

Stars: Bob Hoskins, Christopher Lloyd and the voices of Charles Fleisher and Kathleen Turner.

Plot: In this 1940s style film noir, Bob Hoskins plays Eddie Valiant, a washed-up detective out to solve a case involving adultery, murder and a plot to replace Los Angeles' Red Car public transportation system (which is semi-factual, by the way).

Unforgettable factor: While watching the live-action/animation, you wouldn't think of the difficulties in making this movie. The toons were believable because they occupied space and interacted with the characters on screen. They made you believe in an unbelievable world. What made this film twice as revolutionary was it had to invent the technology as it made the film. So many scenes stand out but it's the opening scene that's simply awesome. The scene where Valiant loads and fires his animated gun and the various cameos by classic cartoon characters are also noteworthy. Kudos to director Robert Zemeckis, animator Richard Williams and actor Bob Hoskins.

'Forrest Gump' (1994)

Stars: Tom Hanks, Robin Wright, Gary Sinise, Sally Field, Mykelti Williamson.

Plot: The film can only be described by its tag line: "See the world through the eyes of Forrest Gump." Academy Award winner for best picture, best director (Robert Zemeckis) and actor (Tom Hanks), "Forrest Gump" is a journey, taking you through the pivotal events in America in the late 20th century. Hanks is undeniably brilliant in the title role of the slow-witted but good-intentioned Gump. Equally impressive is the way the filmmakers were able to incorporate Gump into existing newsreel footages, like the hilarious scene at the White House. At its heart, the movie is about appreciating the beauty of the world.

Unforgettable factor: There are many memorable scenes, especially the one showing Forrest teaching a young Elvis the moves. And, of course, Forrest's famous line delivered in his southern drawl, '"My momma always told me 'Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get'."

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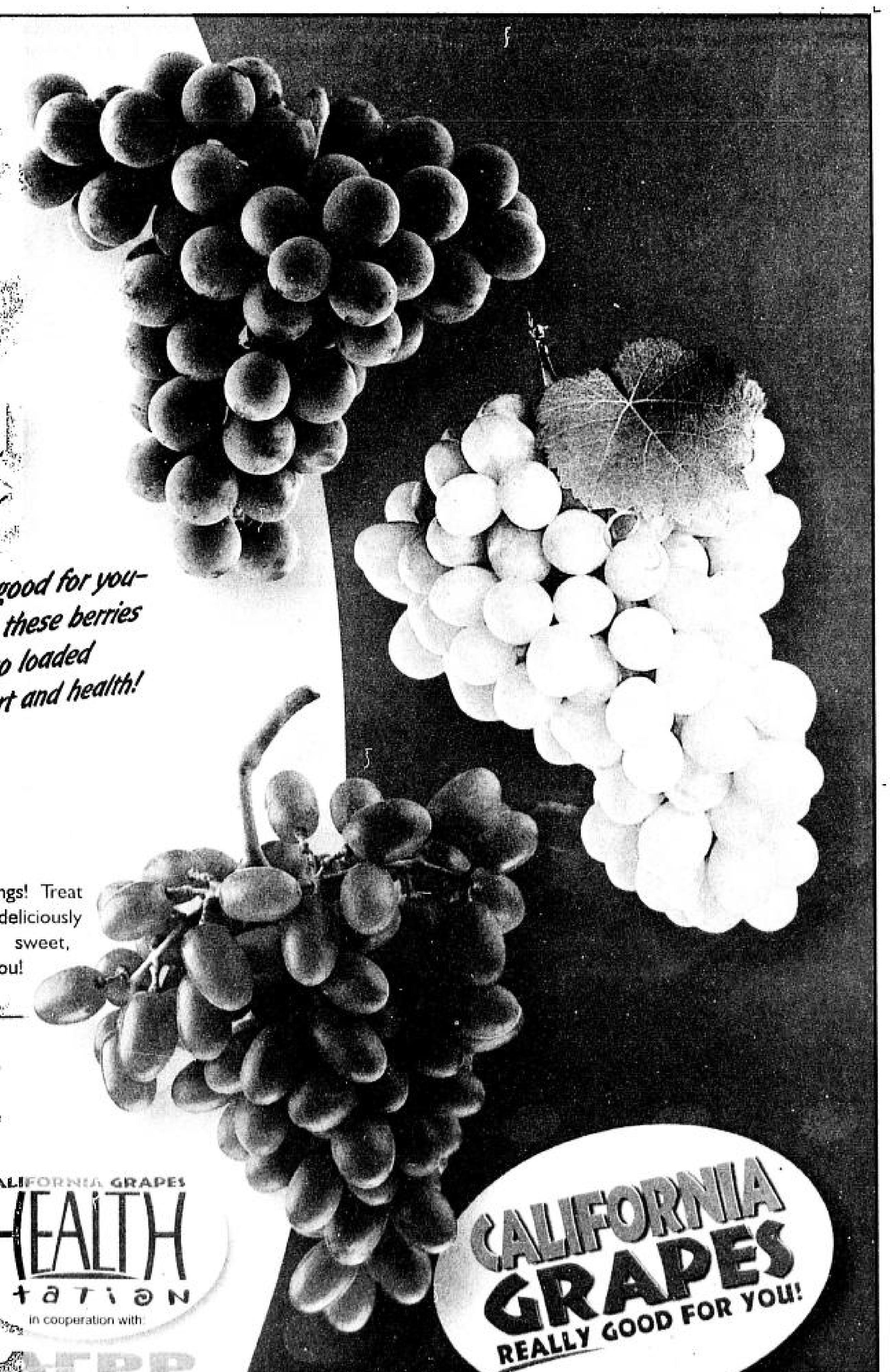

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MOLLY RINGWALD

America's old-time teenage sweetheart

By Veronica B. de Luna

SHE is the willowy, sallow-faced beauty with the distinctive pout who carved her niche in show business in the mid-'80s. Before Alicia Silverstone and Julia Stiles made it big on the silver screen, Molly Ringwald was the teen icon of the Sweet Dreams' generation. Part of her appeal are her movies that chronicle one's bittersweet passage from adolescence to adulthood, and showcase the excitement of high school and poignant reminiscence of young love. So let's relive the Molly mania with a retrospect of her popular films.

She is Andie, a high school senior who lives on the wrong side of the tracks, in the John Hughes' flick "Pretty in Pink." The movie's major come-on is its predictable plot that revolves around the social battle between the haves and the have-nots. Ringwald's social zero character falls in love with Blane, played by the sweetly handsome Andrew McCarthy. Blane is a rich guy who drives a BMW and struts around in his penny loafers sans the socks. Andie, in her self-styled secondhand wardrobe, and Blane, in his blazers and button downs, make a curious, if not ludicrous pair.

The movie is replete with the eclectic '80s fad: Large, chunky hoops, oversized bangles and aero socks worn over pointy high-heeled boots. Andie's high school is populated with kids sporting gel-slicked hairstyles and mile-high bangs stiffened with hairspray. The record store where Andie works displays a plethora of vinyl albums at a time when they were considered staples that sustained the average teenager's existential angst.

Jon Cryer is a riot as Andie's schizoid best friend Ducky who's so miserably in love with her. One feels his pain as he helplessly looks on while Blane takes Andie's heart for a ride and inadvertently breaks it. A deliberate loony and consummate romantic, he steals the movie from Ringwald and McCarthy as he utters the film's finest lines: "If you got your heart splattered all over hell and you're feeling low and dirty, don't look to me to help pump you back because for probably the first time in your life, I won't be there." Or how about: "You know Andie, it's true, they don't write love songs like they used to," as he contemplates on the possibilities of the tunes blaring from Andie's car stereo.

MOLLY Ringwald

Okay, so they border on the sappy, but who cares? If you've heard those lines, you're an insipid fool not to be smitten. Andie takes her being a fashion rebel a trifle bit too far as she dons doily-collared blouses over off-shoulder turtlenecks. So we're not the least bit surprised when, on their first date, Blane asks her, "So, would you like to change?," to which she retorts, "As a matter of fact, I already have," while showing off her paisley printed dress and pearl necklace.

The movie further plays up the teen element in its prom scene. While the Orchestral Manouvers in the Dark's (OMD) "If You Leave" was being played, teenagers clad in tuxedoes and designer gowns were swirling on the dance floor. The new wave music of New Order and Psychedelic Furs are also featured but the Association's "Cherish" also gets a couple of minutes' play along with John Lennon's "Love," which was rhapsodized by Jon Cryer in one scene where he pines after his beloved Andie.

Snooty sophisticate

If she was a social zero in "Pretty in Pink," she is the snooty sophisticate in "Breakfast Club," another John Hughes film. She plays Claire, a prom queen contender who usually spends her Saturdays shopping with four other students played by Judd Nelson, Emilio Estevez, Ally Sheedy and Anthony Michael Hall. Happening in a single day, the film is a fleeting portrayal of a crisis suffered by adolescents growing up in the cult culture of post-modern day America.

The '80s rage is alive and makes its presence felt particularly in one scene where Nelson chides the detention officer, "Does Barry Manilow know that you raided his wardrobe?" Another scene shows them smoking pot that results into the five of them romping and wobbling in the detention room, a rather disconcerting scene on account of the instantaneous dance sequence, characteristic of films made in the tradition of the '80s disco fever (think "Bagets" in the local milieu.).

However, Ringwald's sushi-eating character gets upstaged by Ally Sheedy's ("Maid to Order," "St. Elmo's Fire") personification of a closemouthed nut who, when she finally opens her mouth, reveals a torrent of murky ruminations apparently stemming from the stereotypical attention deficit complex from which she escapes by interminably turning into a "basket case."

Here, we get a peek of denim skirts, which incidentally are making a comeback in the fashion scene, lace ribbons worn around the hair, mascara, pastel nail polish and varsity jackets. A Saturday spent in detention proves not to have been for naught as the movie winds up into a romantic denouement with Ringwald falling for Nelson's brash overtures. Sheedy's makeover courtesy of the fashionable Claire is too stunning that it leaves Estevez's lame jock character openmouthed.

The Simple Minds' "Don't You" is the only impressive cut in the otherwise forgettable soundtrack.

Hot star

We catch another glimpse of her famous pout in "For Keeps," a romantic comedy about the nuances of marriage and early motherhood. She plays opposite Randall Batinkoff, a Cal-Tech-bound high school senior who has to give up his college scholarship to fatherhood. As Darcy, Ringwald flexes more acting muscles as a young woman determined to keep her marriage in spite of her mother's cynical admonitions.

If my memory serves me right, this movie came out at the tail end of the '80s and one of the films where Ringwald left her mark as one of the hottest teenage stars of her generation.

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Going through an angry phase

By Kristine Ching and Sheryll Lopez

DO you remember when your classes in grade school and high school were divided into hip-hop and metal? When the hip-hoppers learned you were with the metal group, they'd insult the metals with: "*Mga* metal *'di naliligo ng isang linggo*." Or adults would tell you that rock music is Satanic and listening to them is a ticket to hell. I do not blame them. It was probably the first time that many of them were exposed to such angry music. Then came Grunge, a musical revolution and lifestyle.

It started in a small café in Seattle. Most of its habitues were angst-ridden kids who expressed their pains and freedom through music. Such cult music was enjoyed by modern teenagers at that time.

Grunge music became a hit because of the reality bites it evoked. Nirvana, a Grunge icon, sang about alienation, depression, drug abuse, suicide and other common problems of the youth. These young people loved these songs because they could relate to it. In a way, it helped release what was in their minds and hearts. Kurt Cobain, Grunge music legend, was the youth's unofficial spokesperson in the early '90s.

Grunge composers bashed mousse-filled hair, tight jeans, gaudy makeup and flashy jewelry. Designers introduced a cheap, colorful and simplistic look: Tattered jeans and chain wallets, grubby shirts and sweaters, dirty shoes and colored hair.

In 1994, Kurt Cobain committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. It also marked the end of Grunge.

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Global beauty brands pays tribute to youth power

AVON recently launched the search for the members of the first-ever Avon Teen Advisory Council. The search, initially among selected schools in Metro Manila, calls for female teenagers, aged 14-16, to become members of the council and become the voice of today's teens. The 12-15 selected members of the Teen Advisory Council will enjoy special benefits like training programs to prepare them for college and life as well as cash honorariums. The pioneer members of the council will have been selected by October.

Special guest during the launch was noted child and teen psychologist Dr. Lourdes Carandang who presented a paper on "Parenting Today's Teens" to the invited principals of the selected schools. Photo shows the Avon executives who were present during the launch: (from left) Alice Orleans, group communications manager; Charmane Abad (partly hidden), group marketing manager; Louie Migne, PR senior manager; Karina Galang-Fernandez, Teen Advisory Council consultant; Malu Dy Buncio, general manager; Dr. Carandang; Irene Advincula, group marketing manager; Noel Diaz, group marketing planning manager; Faith Aranton, assistant PR manager, and Roy Yu, sales director.

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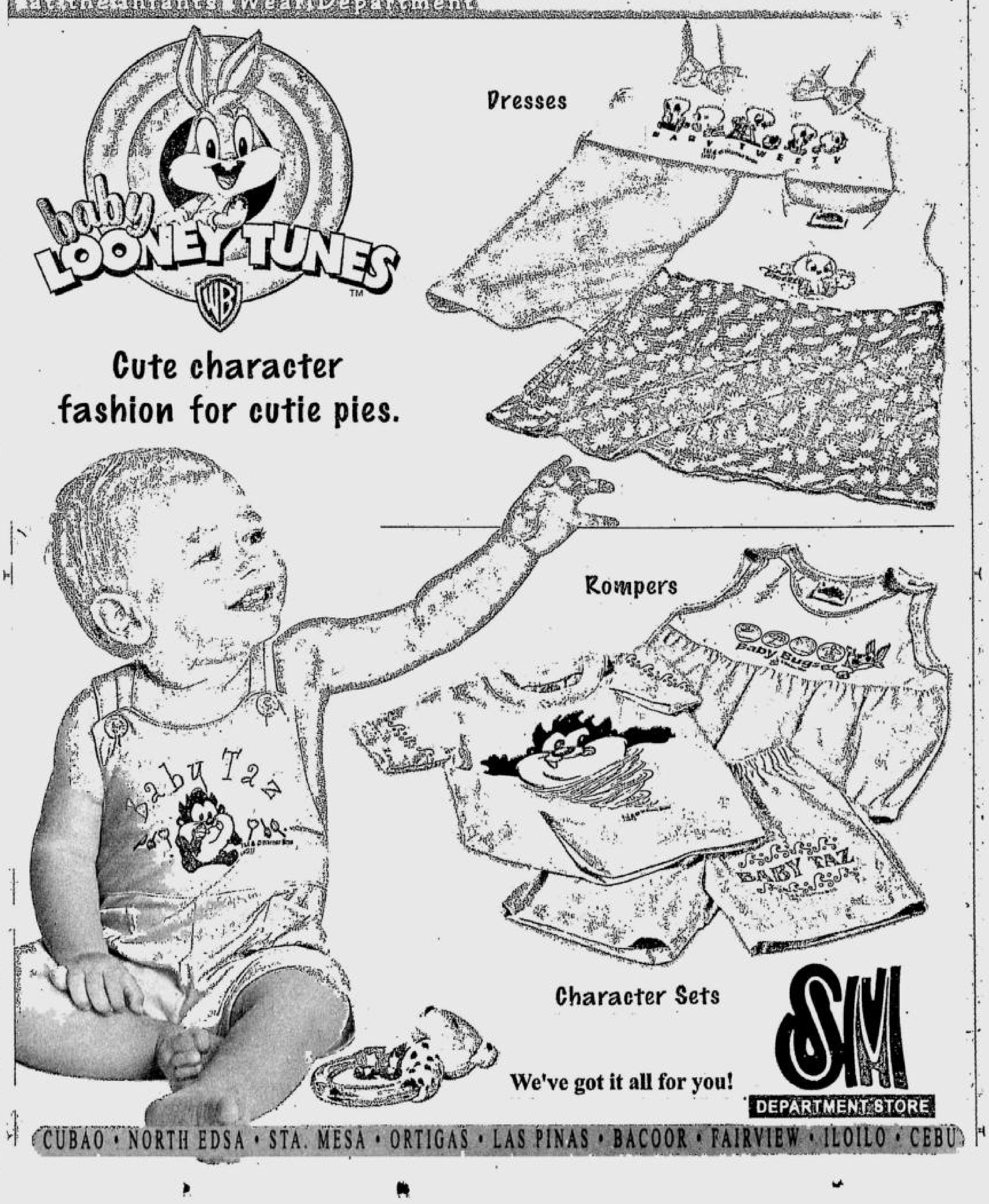
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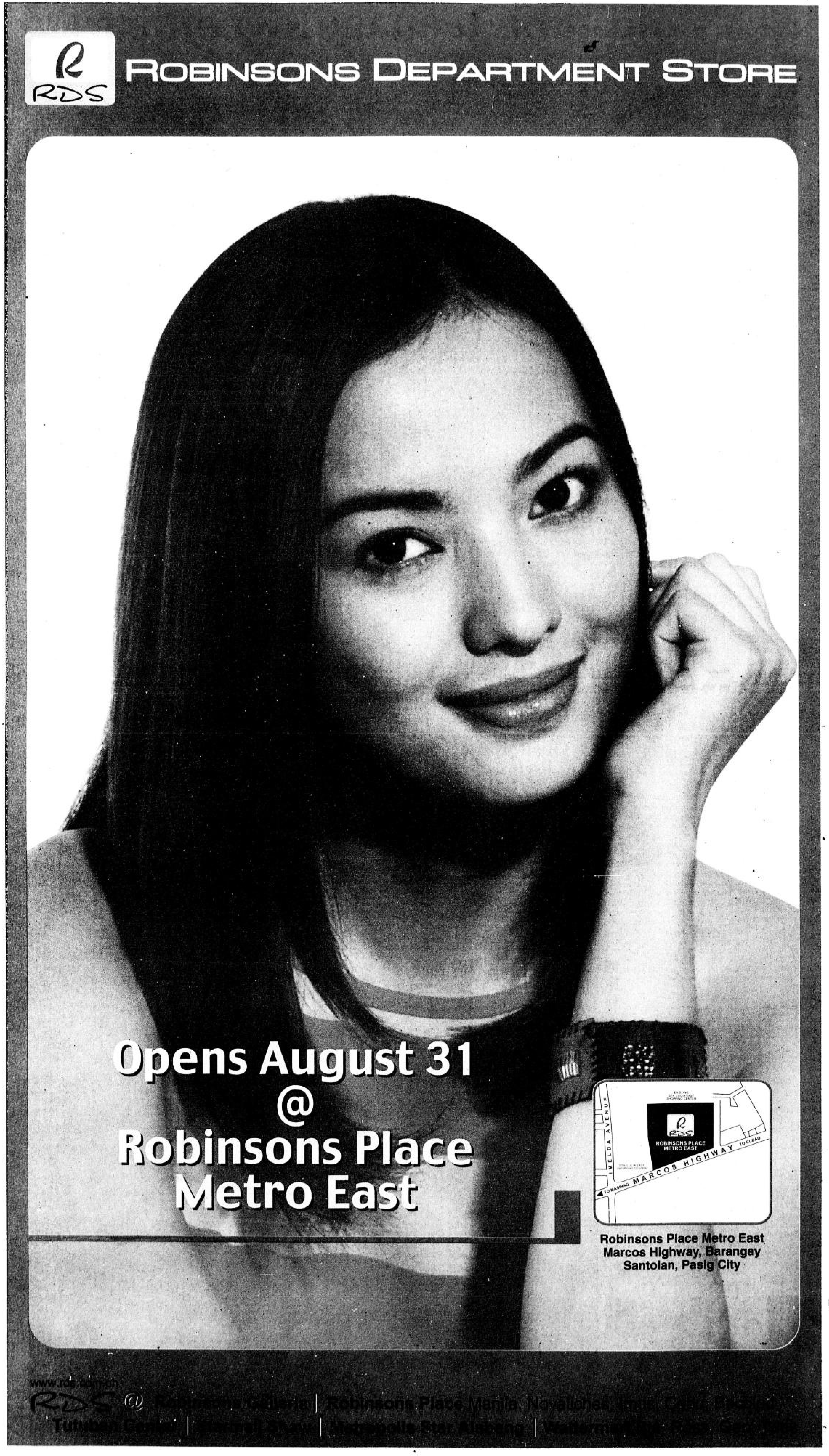
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MYX, Studio 23's music channel, is now captured by Fly. Edgy, zestful and energetic, Fly and MYX play good music together as they feature Madonna, how she evolved from the Material Girl to Everygirl. Clara Balaguer, resident VJ for MYX, has always been an enigma to many. Be prepared to take a look behind the scenes of MYX's new show, "Halo Halo," which will feature local acts. Hosted by former Fly editor and Radioactive Sago Project's Lourd de Veyra, the show promises to be a hit in the making.

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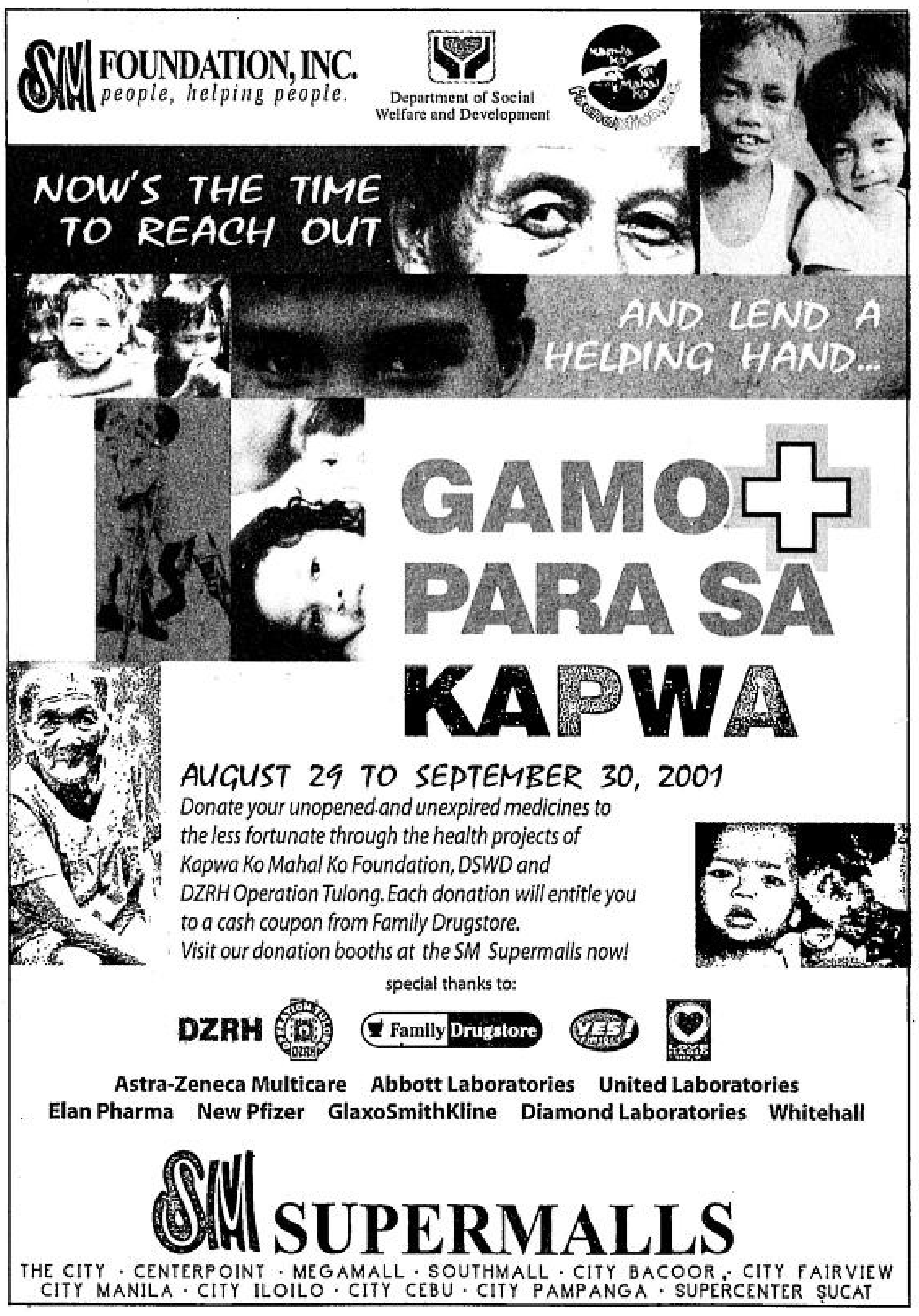

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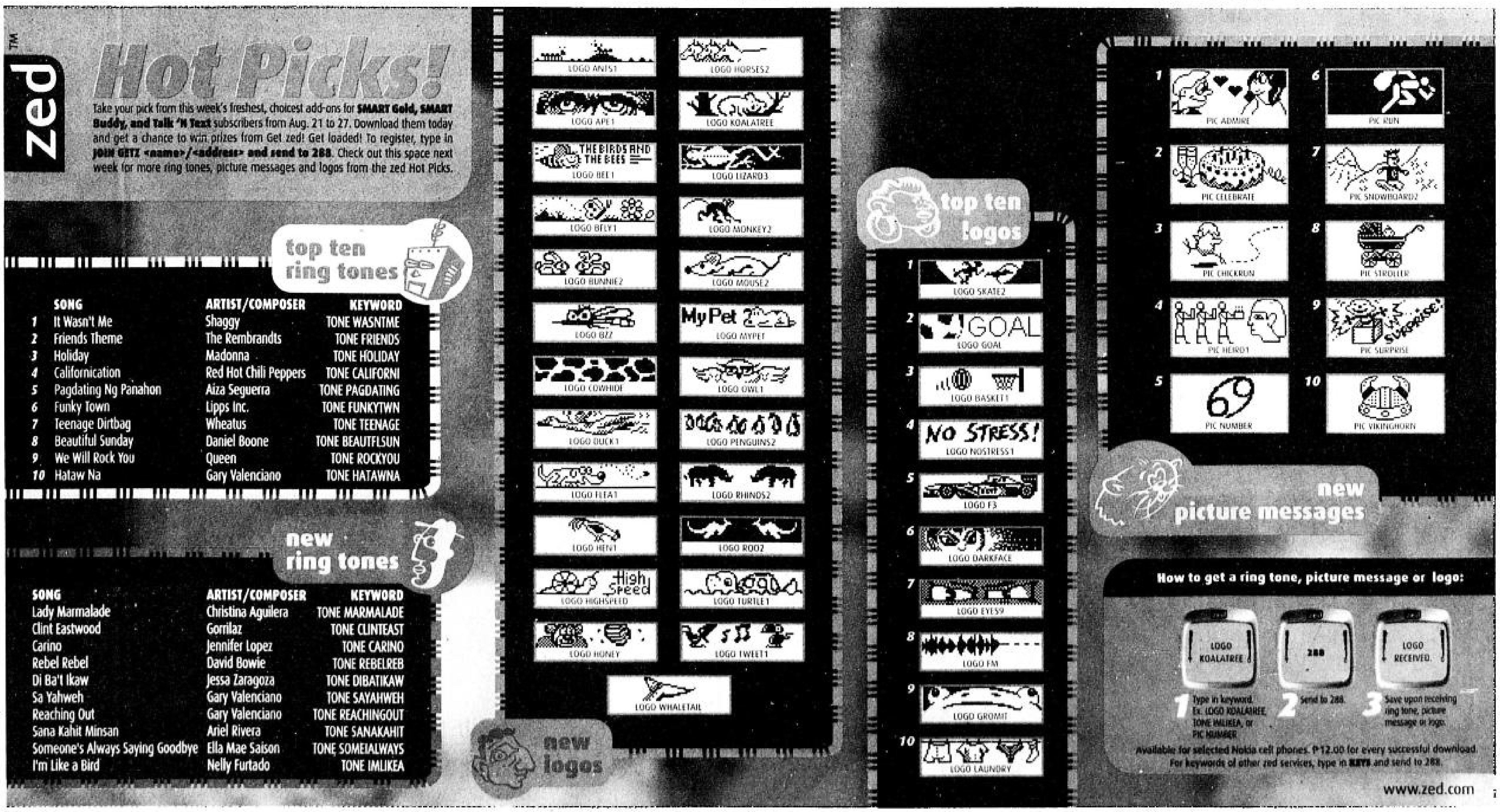
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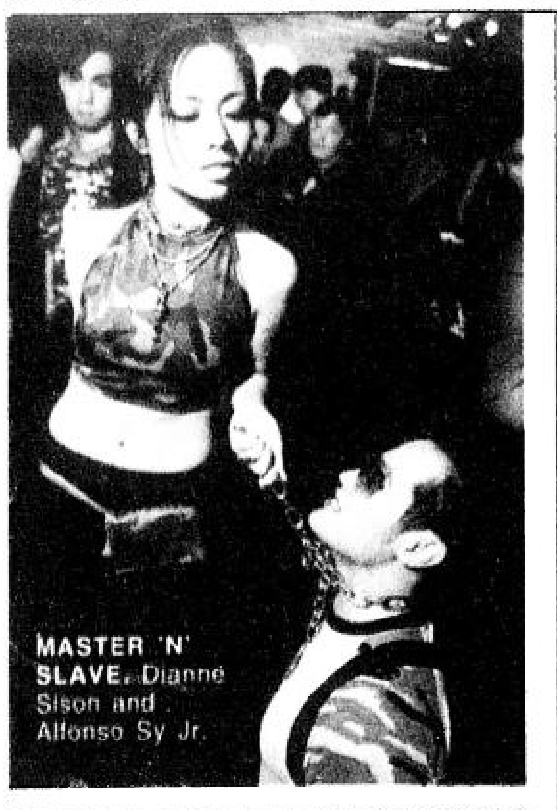
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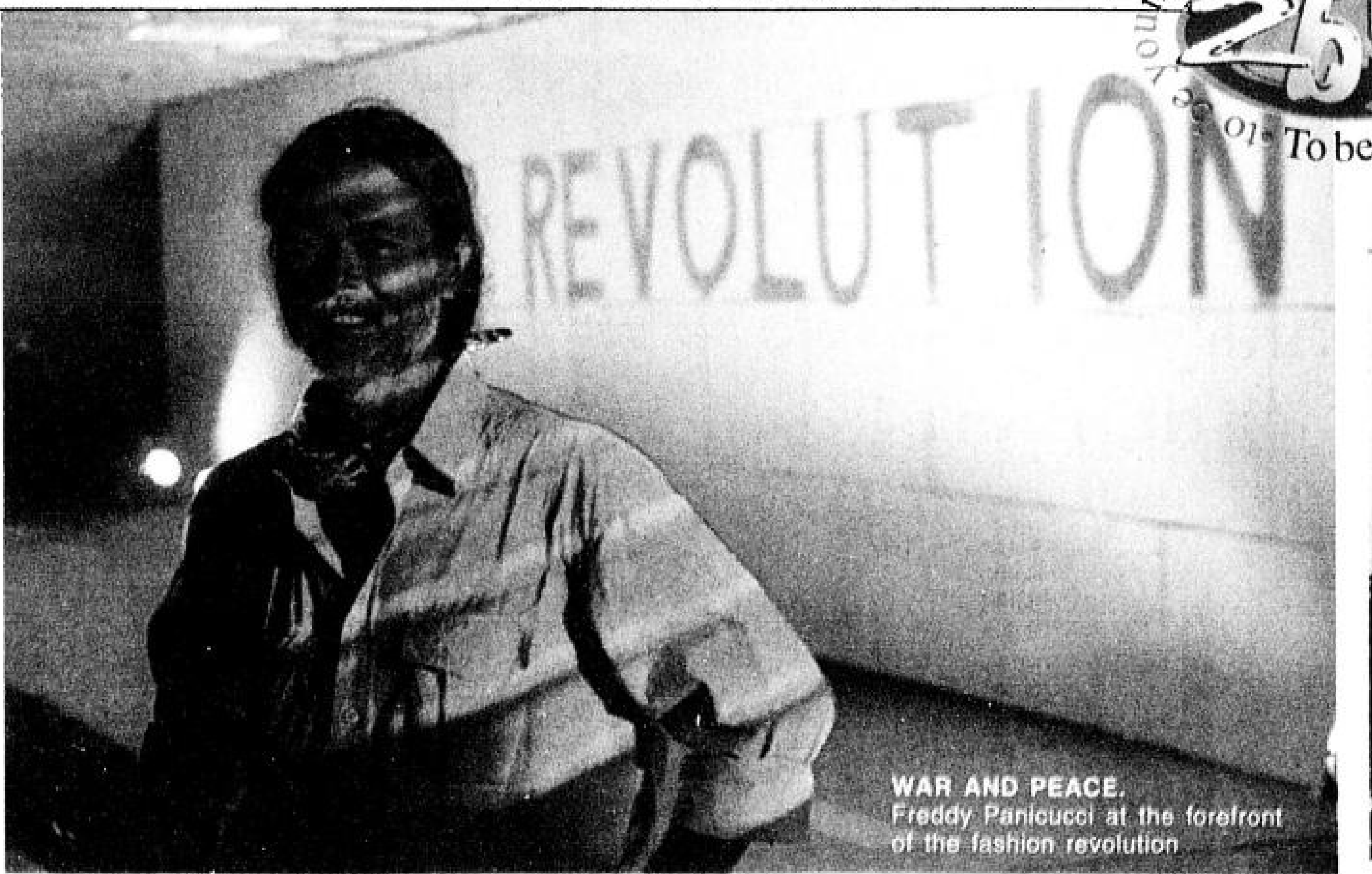
WAR AND PEACE. Freddy Panicucci at the forefront of the fashion revolution

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LOVE 'N' ANARCHY. Hutch Sabater, Kaz Castillo and Markus Maguigat

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HENRI Calayag's paradigm shift

Freddy's back!

State of order and disorder declared

NOT that he was ever gone. Every year, Freddy Panicucci, that rebel with a fashion cause who has brought brands like Versace, Dolce and Gabbana, Gigli, Ferre and more to us through his Linea Italia stores nationwide, stages a style coup to assault the senses of this postmodern metropolis. From P1 concerts to designer tributes and band explosions, Freddy manages to rock the scene like no one can.

Tim Yap

This year, our favorite fashion guerrilla staged an uprising and declared a "Fashion Revolution" to announce his sale season. He also held partyphiles hostage at the posh, new RCBC Plaza and threw a mammoth party to "fight censorship and intolerance."

It was a feast for the senses. An organized chaos of a crowd lined the entrance of the latest Ayala Avenue giant—icons and outcasts taking fashion to the streets, all gathered together in eager anticipation for the coup that was about to take place. Not even the anarchy of a storm that night could stop this revolt.

On the vast space of the bank building's seventh floor, two huge territories were set up—a ghetto punk alley and a military barracks and shower area where guests engaged in random revelry, wetting themselves with their Chivas and Absoluts. Wherelse took charge of the bar, while Il Ponticello manned the mess hall, filling the place with Italian treats and their azzuri cocktails. Linea's indispensable chief **Ayee de Guzman** surveyed the night's attendance as the band K.O. Jones played their rolling set.

Military spunk or red-hot punk

And then the party began. One after another, Mad Dog bikers, Linea girls in military gear and a host of costumed characters all sprung from nowhere all ready for the takeover. Those who came in the prescribed "military spunk or red-hot punk" gained easy access to the party, while those who did not were asked to fall in line—a very, very long line. "Why did you make us wait?" asked a cocky model and his agent upon gaining entry. (Lesson learned here, ladies and gentlemen—follow orders. I will still do this in my succeeding parties.)

The scene—**Tessa Prieto-Valdes** in loud camouflage right beside a transvestite, a mohawked punkie grooved beside sporty "it" boy **Borgy Manotoc**, designer **Gerry Katigbak** and a rouged *parlorista*... You get the picture.

"This is the ultimate fashionista party," exclaimed **Stephanie Villaraza**, whose store ran out of fishnet stockings after people bought them all to wear for the party, according to twin sister **Angelique**. "I haven't been to a party like this in a long time—the last time was during the rave era," exclaimed **Eddie Boy Escudero**, busy taking snapshots of the scene. "A bit too riffraff," opined another society columnist judging the turmoil in front of him.

But that's the beauty of it all. Namedroppables hobnobbed with unknowns, the preppie posed with the punk, fashionistas in the same room as *parloristas*—that whole bourgeois and bohemian package under one roof.

I must admit, in this age of youth uniformity (I am referring to the school of the same spaghetti strap, tube or shirt and jeans combo, tagged by columnist **Clinton Palanca** as "the carbonara brigade"), the individual style barrage and attitude of the night was really refreshing. Nonconformity became the norm.

P100,000 prize

Fashion show director **Robbie Carmona** has once again outdone himself with his fully nude "shower scene" (all models au naturel, of course) opening for the men's collection. The Linea Italia women's collection had the Linea girls don seductive separates, as styled by former Italian top model now Linea executive **Linda Faccò**. MYX VJ **Clara Balaguer**, who hosted the event, was captivatingly cool.

After the show, in-demand DJ **Cocoy Puyat** elevated the party to higher spirits, while DJ **Benjo Marquez**, back from San Francisco, dished out chill tunes to the partyphiles' delight. Oh, by the way, did I tell you that Tessa PV also won the coveted best dressed award, along with style file **Jonil Benitez**, who wore a military pouf gown by **Tina Daniac** and **Igie Loyola**? Jonil was ever so poised while receiving the award, while Tessa was jumping up and down, overwrought with excitement.

"I won! I won!" Tessa shrieked with joy. "As if she needs it," wagged a bitchy one from the audience. "But she totally deserves it," defended another. Both went home with P100,000 worth of Linea Italia gift certificates—each.

If you think that's where it ended, guess again. Comrade **Paolo Trillo** hosted an after-party at Pravda, where VIP guests continued to flow till the wee, wee hours as DJs **Manolet Dario** and **David Jacob** spun their own brand of party music.

Hot happenings

Tomorrow, Thursday the 30th, Po Na Na, that hip Libis hot spot, launches its exclusive VIP membership card—the Black Card—via a VIP gathering that starts at 8 p.m. Attire request is "beguiling black and wicked white."

Then Friday the 31st at Ford Libis (again), FWD (pronounced forward), Mega magazine's male equivalent, hosts its first anniversary party. "Getting older has never been this cool," so says dashing ed in chief **TJ Manotoc**.

Saturday, wear your animal prints as Hutu's Hut's second-floor Jungle Bar (Kalayaan Avenue, before Rockwell) opens its forest gates via a grand opening party which starts at 9 p.m. "Welcome to the jungle," declares Hutu's owner, young and energetic **Philip Pastoral**, of his "Planet of the Apes"-inspired party.

Also, gear yourselves for a "One Night Stand," Chalk mag's sizzling anniversary party, with music by MYX at FGM studio (Candelaria Street, Makati—it's the warehouse on Kalayaan near IS). Exciting to see what orgasmic treats sexy Chalk chief **Romina Urra** has in store.

In the meantime, allow me to scream "Victory!" as you browse through snapshots of Freddy's "Fashion Revolution."

BACK IN BLACK. Gabbie de la Rama

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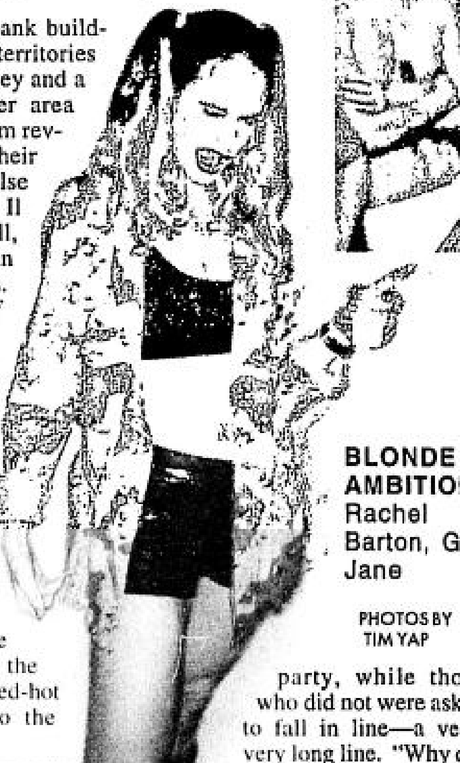
BLONDE AMBITION. Rachel Barton, G.I. Jane

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UNITED COLOR OF PUNK. Rissa Samson in Aqua Net splendor

BADGE OF HONOR. Winner Jonil Benitez armed with P100,000 in GCs, here with Gian Romano.

DENIM gloss on Clara Balaguer

CATCH OF THE DAY. Linea girl in fishnet punk

UNLIKE A VIRGIN. Punk chick at the Linea show

SHE'S IN THE ARMY NOW. Sarah Meier gets benched by Borgy Manotoc.

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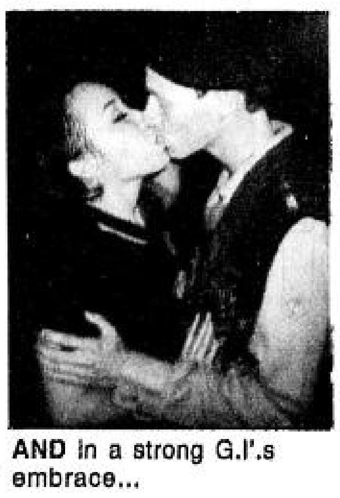
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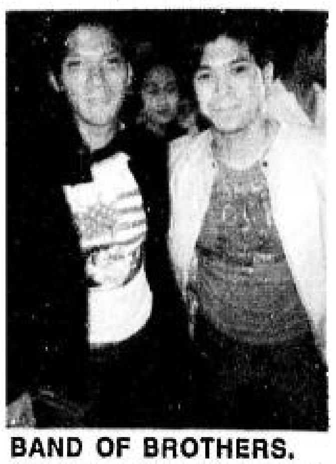

BAND OF BROTHERS. Robbie and Marco Antonio in Cavalli

GenXers' favorite reads growing up

BY CHERYL TIU, TIFFANY LIMSICO AND CATHERINE YOUNG
2bU! Correspondents

Remember Sweet Valley Kids, the Bobbsey Twins and Nancy Drew? 2bU! looks back on those books that were possessively labeled with name stickers, neatly covered in plastic, and proudly displayed on the bookshelf

FASHION trends, hairstyles and television stars come and go, but one thing remains popular with the youth—reading, although their literary preferences have changed. Today, the young adult section of bookstores includes new teen and preteen series that range from mystery to horror to everyday teenage life.

It is interesting to see from these books how times have changed. Many books are simply translations of TV shows and have considerably less substance than the more complicated plots in the past. The fonts are bigger and the prices are so much higher.

On this note, 2bU! looks back on the books that young adults used to treasure.

Girl Talk by L.E. Blair

Remember cruising through Acorn Falls with four people who were the best of friends in the world? Bubbly Sabrina Wells was always up-to-date on the latest gossip and had the widest collection of teen magazines. It was hard to forget spiky-haired Randy Zak, the drummer girl from New York who was not afraid to speak her mind. Straight-A student and super athlete Katie Campbell, with her long blond hair and matching clothes, was that girl everyone loved to hate. And, of course, Native American Allison Cloud, 5'7" and only 13, always had to deal with the height issue.

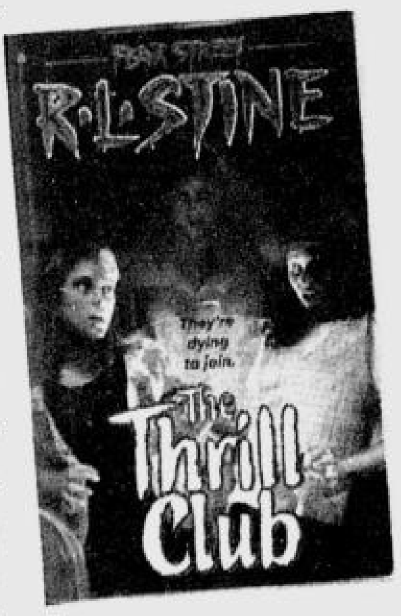
The girls would usually come into conflict with their arch-enemy, stuck-up Stacy the Great (daughter of Bradley Junior High's president), and sometimes among themselves over such things as falling for the same guy to meeting a famous rock star to entering a fashion makeover beauty search to discovering they are on a haunted ski trip. In the end, the girls would realize that no matter what, friends were forever and they would always be there for each other.

The Bobbsey Twins by Laura Lee Hope

Don't try to deny it… you followed the Bobbsey Twins faithfully as they look for clues and trails to solve a new mystery! The two sets of twins from Lakeport, dark-haired 12-year-olds, Bert and Nan, and blonde 6-year-olds, Freddie and Flossie, were always up to something, looking for a long-lost American flag or searching for a missing friend or catching a thief in school. The illustrations made it so much easier wannabe detectives to picture the scenarios. In fact, the series was so popular from the hardbound Bobbsey Twins it evolved into Bobbsey Twins the paperback to The New Bobbsey Twins (where Freddie and Flossie get the spotlight). The series, with the twins always emerging victorious in the end, also fostered a strong sense of sibling love.

R.L. Stine series

R.L. Stine was to us then what Stephen King is to us today. Blood-curling shrieks, slow-motion accidents, and lots and many violent murders kept us on the edge of our seats, shivering as we anxiously turned the pages to get to the end of the story. R.L. Stine was the reason we could not sleep at night or go to the bathroom alone, fearing that someone with a knife might jump at us. But the thrills were exhilarating as we walked down Fear Street at night past the infamous cemetery where all the spirits roamed in unrest, and tried to pinpoint the actual culprit among different sets of characters (always the person least expected). Shadyside was an exciting town, to say the least. At least each story ended peacefully… sort of.



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The Baby-Sitters Club by Ann M. Martin

Though the Baby-Sitters Club did not achieve the same kind of popularity here as it did in the United States—probably because that the book was too American for the Filipino taste—people usually associate the series with the film that propelled Rachael Leigh Cook to stardom. The series is set in Stoneybrook, Connecticut (which could very well be Nowhere, USA), where a group of middle school teenagers decide to put up their own baby-sitting enterprise in their neighborhood. Each book was told from the perspective of a club member. The politically correct stories appealed to adolescents who might have been able to relate to the diverse and very realistic characters. There was Kristy, the tomboy-president; sweet, sensitive Mary Ann, the first member to have a boyfriend; California girl Dawn, sophisticated New Yorker Stacey or Japanese-American Claudia, who wore wild outfits and did not do too well in school. The club included junior members, Mallory and Jessi, the only African-American member.

Perhaps the reason for the success of the Baby-Sitters Club is the mix of the ordinary and the momentous in an adolescent's life. In Stoneybrook, getting a new, modish haircut got as much attention as the stinging pain of divorce; falling for a teacher meant as much as making a poor girl with cancer's dream come true.

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Christopher Pike

To call Christopher Pike the Stephen King for adolescents does not do him justice given his evolving literary career. Starting as a master of suspense, he wrote whodunits for high school kids but later dabbled in the supernatural introducing his readers to a witch, an immortal and a girl named Rela (short for Robotic Experimentation Logistical Algorhythm). His "Last Vampire" trilogy, with the invincible femme fatale Alisa Perne as the protagonist, could give Anne Rice a run for her money (Is it a coincidence that the murdered high school student in Fall into Darkness is named Ann Rice?).

He has now reached a figurative plateau with his unusual blend of science fiction and new age philosophy. As the unforgettable Shari Cooper in the "Remember Me" trilogy, says, "It's all a play. God is not impressed by our acts, only by how much we love… I am grass, no one. Perhaps, in another place and time, I will learn the last of the yogi's lesson and complete the flow of life. I will become everyone." Sometimes confusing but always surprising, Christopher Pike casts a storyteller's spell and manages to deliver the most depth and breadth in young adult fiction.

Sweet Dreams

It began with "P.S. I Love You" and then it was downhill from there. Most of my high school classmates remember fondly the first Sweet Dreams novel where Mariah's first love died of cancer. The title did not mean postscript or Palm Springs, but stood for his name, Paul Strobe. What followed afterward seemed indistinguishable from each other with every cliché used as a title: "All's Fair in Love," "Finders Keepers" and even "Three's a Crowd." Each book featured a second-rate, all-

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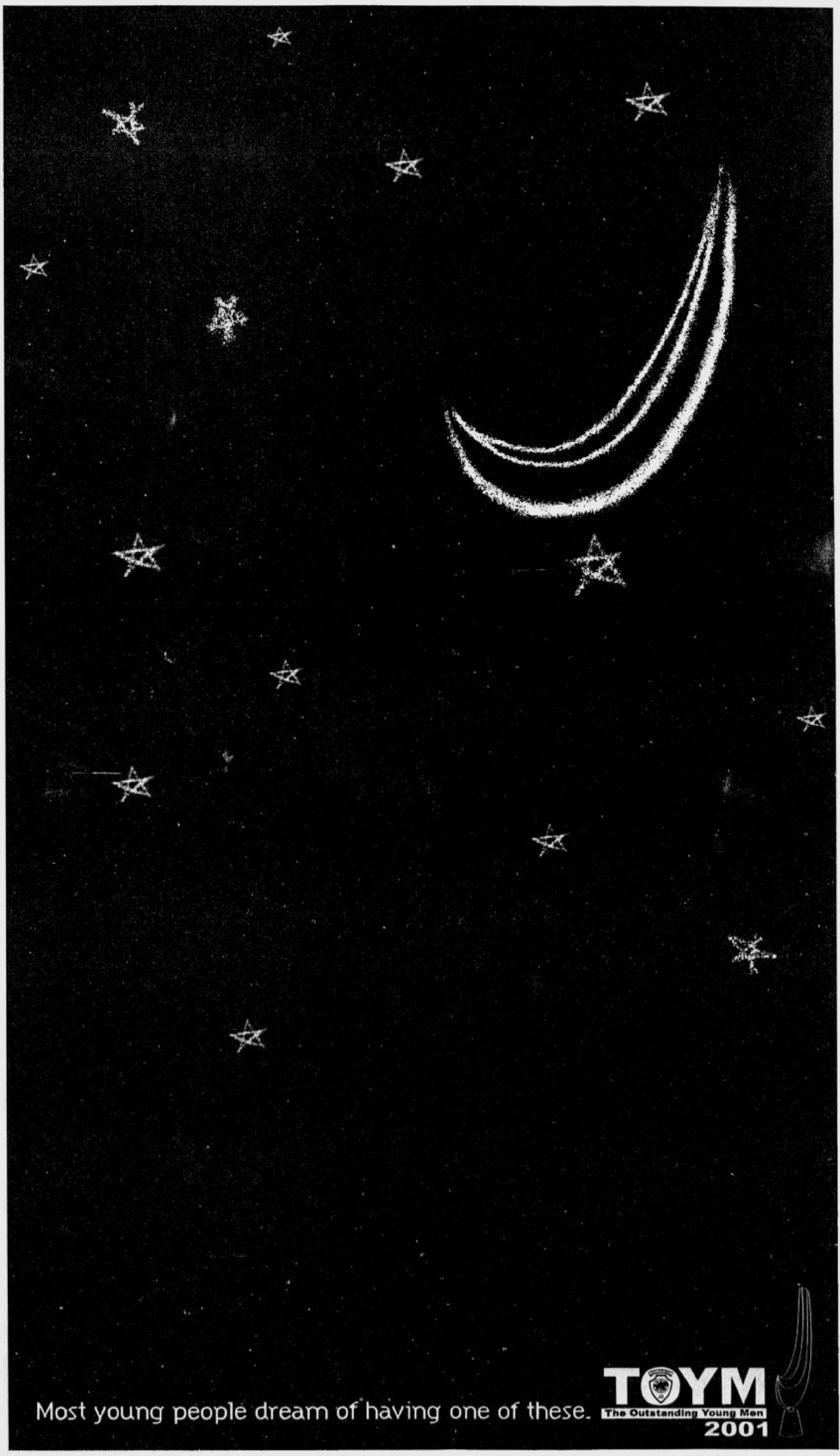
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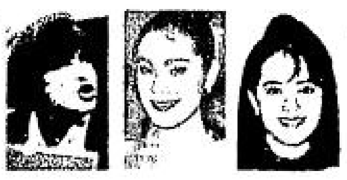

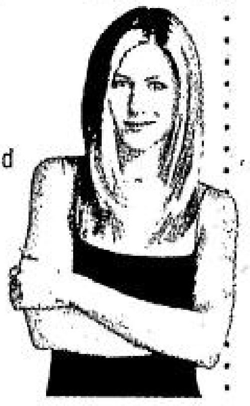

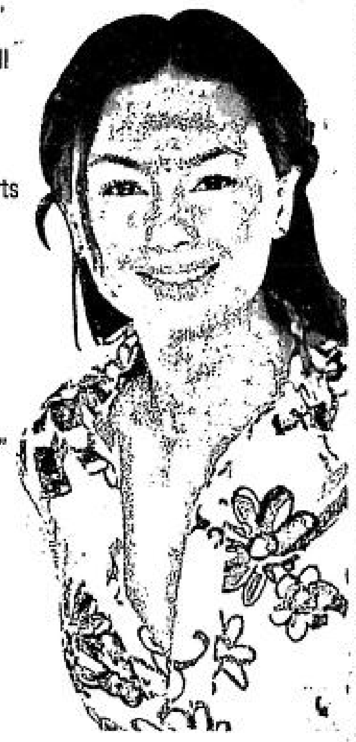

	'80s	'90s	2000
Teenybopper chick	Molly Ringwald	Alicia Silverstone	Kirsten Dunst
Government problems	Marcos dictatorship, anti-Cory coups	Brownouts, calamities, economic slump	That joke of a president (thank God he's out)
Favorite pastime	Board games	Malling, rave	Counter Strike, texting
Show-biz scandal	Sharon-Gabby breakup	Bruneiyukis/filmfest scam	Teen pregnancies
Early Friday-night TV cartoon	"Ghostbuster"	"Power Rangers"	"Dragon Ball Z"
Cartoons	"Voltes V"	"X-Men," "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles"	"Samurai X"
Hot, hot fashion	Punk, New Wave	Grunge, street fashion, minimalism	Eclectic
Broadcast journalist	Che Che Lazaro	Jessica Soho	Maki Pulido, Jiggy Manicad
Model	Melanie Marquez, Tweetie de Leon	Wilma Doesnt, Joey Mead	Phoemela Barranda, Isabel Roces
Teenage TV series	"Wonder Years"	"Beverly Hills 90120"	"Dawson's Creek"
Show-biz trio	Sheryl Cruz, Tina Paner and Manilyn Reynes	Ruffa Gutierrez, Carmina Villaroel and Aiko Melendez	Dominic Ochoa, Rico Yan and Marvin Agustin
Heartthrobs	Bagets	Guwapings	Hunks, Cool Dudes
Plastic surgery king or queen	Cher	Michael Jackson	Britney Spears
Most annoying song	"Name Game"	"Macarena," "My Heart Will Go On"	"Aray," "Sisirin," "Nilunok Ko'ng Lahat"
Bold star	Techie Agbayani	Rosanna Roces	Joyce Jimenez
Game console	Atari, family computer	Nintendo, Super Nintendo	Sega Dreamcast, PlayStation 2
Portable music gadget	Walkman	Discman	MP3 player
Portable game console	Game and Watch	GameBoy	GameBoy Advance
Home entertainment	Betamax	VHS, laser disc	VCD, DVD
Hairstyle	Donna Mills, Linda Evans cut	Jennifer Aniston cut	Wash-and-wear hair
Personality we love to hate	Cherie Gil	Gladys Reyes	Princess Punzalan
Pop icon	Madonna, Michael Jackson	Madonna	Madonna
Boy band	Menudo, New Kids on the Block	Boyz II Men, Take That	Boyzone, Backstreet Boys, 'N Sync
Must-have shoes	Tretorn, espadrilles, LA Gear	Doc Martens, Skechers	Nike series, Fornarina
Pinoy band	The Dawn, Side A	Eraserheads, Parokya ni Edgar	Freestyle, Slapshock
Pinoy master rapper	Francis M.	Francis M., Andrew E.	Carlos Agassi
Disco/club	Mars, Faces	Limits	78 Orange, Twilo
Guy we love to fantasize about	Johnny Depp	Keanu Reeves	Ricky Martin
Girl we love to fantasize about	Phoebe Cates	Pamela Anderson	Angelina Jolie
Stupid buddy movies	"Bill and Ted"	"Wayne's World"	"Dude, Where's My Car?"
Teen movie	"The Breakfast Club," "Pretty in Pink"	"Clueless"	"American Pie"
Commercial line	"I can feel it—shhha!" "Ketchup please, Luis"	"*Sinong* best friend *mo doon*?" "*Siyempre ikaw lang*!"	"Hello, Billy"
		"Coffee *na lang*, dear."	"*Kung saan ka masaya te suportahan ta ka.*"
Mall	SM City, Ali Mall	Glorietta, SM Megamall	PowerPlant, G4
Communication tool	Fax machine	Pager	Cellphones
Gadget for organizing your life	Filofax, PC	Magic Diary, laptop	PDAs
Lead actress	Demi Moore, Michelle Pfeiffer	Meg Ryan, Julia Roberts	Angelina Jolie, Julia Roberts
Hangouts	Roller rinks	Malls	Coffee shops
"It" girl	Sharon Cuneta	Donita Rose	KC Concepcion
Amusement centers	Fiesta Carnival	Glico's	Time Zone
TV cults	"21 Jump Street"	"Beverly Hills 90210"	"Buffy"
Parental nag	"Don't forget your curfew. Call me."	"Page me."	"Text me."
Local sitcoms	"Palibhasa Lalaki," "Iskul Bukol"	"Home Along Da Riles"	"Da Body en Da Guard," "Kool Ka Lang"
	"Chika Chika Chicks"	"Ober Da Bakod"	
"Mega"	Sharon Cuneta	Yaya Luring	KC
Hunk	Richard Gomez	Jomari Yllana	Borgy Manotoc
Kids with too many moms/dads	Tina Paner	Ara Mina	Matet
Cojuangco "it" girl	Mikee	Mai Mai	China
Socialite	Claudia Bermudez	Trisha Borromeo	Bianca Araneta
Feeling show-biz presidential offspring	Kris Aquino	Jo Ramos, Jude and Jinggoy Estrada	Mikey Arroyo
Celebrity couple	Pops and Martin	Lucy and Richard	Charlene and Aga
Mortal enemies	Coke vs Pepsi	Jollibee vs McDo	Globe vs Smart
'Baduy' icon	German Moreno and "That's Entertainment"	April Boy Regino	Jolina Magdangal, Judy Ann Santos

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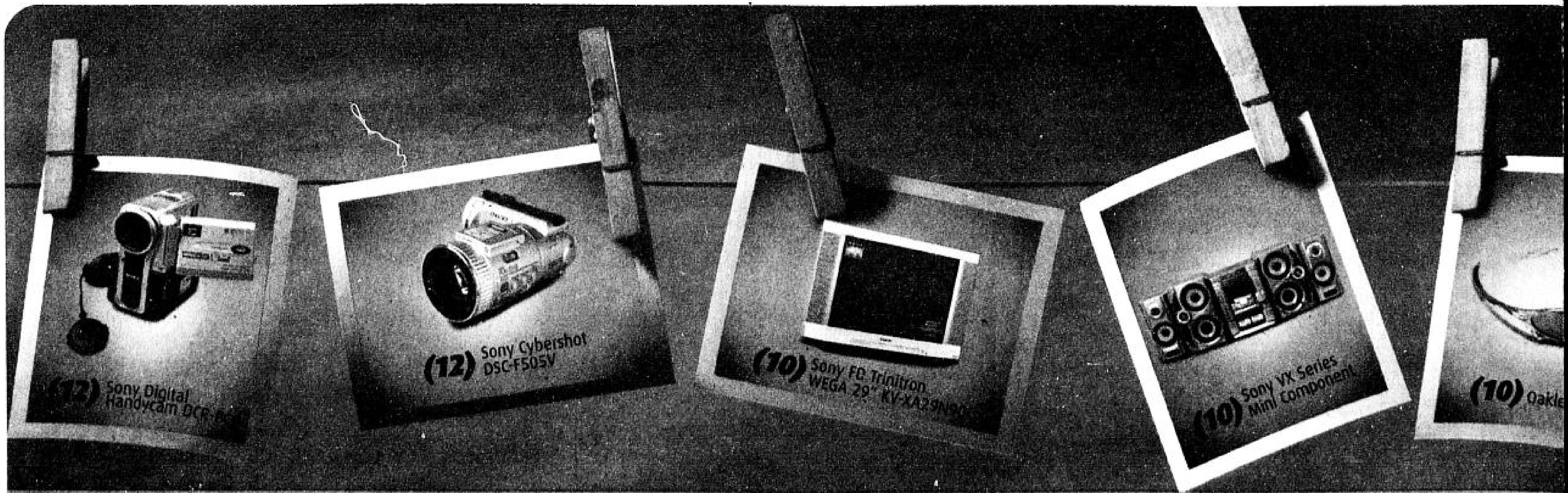
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Blast from the past

By Mariless V. Villamar
2bU! Correspondent

EIGHTIES' fashion can only be described as "crazy." Some say fashion was at its best during the '80s because people weren't that conscious about trends; there was freedom for individual styles and tastes. It was also a time of decadence and an era of glamour and excess. Back then, people weren't afraid to experiment with different looks and styles. The gods at Vogue and Bazaar did not dictate fashion trends. Nonetheless, there was no shortage of fashion icons and inspirations. The roots of punk or rebel dressing can be traced from rock bands like The Sex Pistols and The Rolling Stones, music was definitely a big influence. Looks from TV shows like "Dynasty" and "Moonlighting" were copied and appealed to the more glamorous fashionistas with expensive tastes. Let's cross our fingers and hope that quarterback shoulder pads and puffy skirts won't be making a comeback.

Style file

Rock 'n' roll was the inspiration for street chic, punk was the style for most teens and the favored street clothing; you literally had to spray graffiti on your clothes to capture the look. Even Elizabeth Hurley admitted going through the green hair/heavy makeup/stiletto boots phase, which was the hottest look in London. As for wearing accessories, well, there weren't really any rules for that. Like I said, people had more variety in styles during the fab '80s, and they weren't mindful whether they were going overboard or not. I don't think the term "fashion victim" mattered to anyone then. Young girls were crazy over cheap costume jewelry. They wore bangle bracelets all at once halfway up the forearm. They were either all in one color or in different colors, and they were made of lightweight metal, which explains why they could be worn all at once.

The constant jiggling of bracelets must have been hard to take for the parents. Distressed jeans were also very popular. The secret was to make your jeans look worn and overused; the more vintage-looking they are, the better. Washes ranged from acid wash to stone wash. The former appears almost white while stone washed jeans would be in either blue or black and had the effect of having been washed with rocks therefore giving an uneven texture to the color of the jeans. Miniskirts were hot at the time; the fabric of choice was still denim though. It was so versatile and you could spruce it up with sequins or large pins to give it the punk look. As for shoes, I think women went wild with their choices—boots, pumps, stilettos and sneakers were some of the favorites. When I was in grade school, Tretorn was the must-have brand for sneakers. You had to have a pair lest risk being labeled "uncool."

TIM Yap and Dianne Sison at "Stargazing at Louie Y's" '80s dance party

GIANT aviators and white pants of the romantic preppie '80s on designer Lev Pe.

Cool revival

The appeal of '80s drama is not lost on young people today. Take a look around and you'll notice key '80s pieces worn by female teens and the twentysomething. The most popular by far are the gold hoop earrings, which I can attest, can be worn with absolutely anything; no wonder my mom still has a pair stashed in her jewelry box. Blouses and tops were sexy and flirty. Asymmetrical tops were all the rage and Cameron Diaz helped popularize them again when she wore a red one-shoulder top on "Charlie's Angels." The feathery hair was cute, and it did make its reappearance in the fashion scene, but as expected, the fashionista crowd got sick of it quickly (thank goodness).

And then there was Madonna—definitely the '80s poster child. Her music and her look summed up what the '80s were all about, unconventional and edgy. I remember when I was 7 I had a cousin who was a big fan of Madonna and he would dress me up as a mini clone of Madonna, complete with lace scarves, bangles and funky skirts. My parents were horrified, to say the least.

WHAM bam hair on George Michael

Show me the money

Of course, the '80s will always be associated with excess and flash. Women liked to wear tons of gold jewelry. The culture of overindulgence and fashion excess had women buying fur coats and gold chains by the dozen. The "less is more" philosophy was replaced by "less is bore." J. Lo (and other rap artists for that matter) certainly seems to like this particular '80s trend because in one of her videos, she has gold jewelry all over herself; you need to wear shades just to look at her.

The logomania craze was pretty tacky. Who would actually want to have other people's names all over your bag? Except, of course, if the names were Christian Dior and Prada. But I guess the '80s were about that, too, not being afraid to spend money and flaunting it for all to see. I can vaguely remember watching an episode of "Knots Landing" when I was a kid and seeing Donna Mills wearing blue eyeliner and looking so glamorous in stilettos and a perfectly tailored suit; she's my '80s icon if you ask me. Who else can wear blue eyeliner so well?

There are a thousand-and-one looks and fashion ideas you can pick up from the '80s. All you need is a little creativity and imagination. So whether you think the '80s revival is tubular or hellacious, it's definitely a rock 'n' roll time for the *paninaro*.

'80's slang dictionary

Tubular—something that is cool.
Hellacious—bad, not good.
Paninaro—Italian slang for a person who's fashion-conscious.

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CYNDI Lauper was the epitome of '80s fashion, big hair and all. Girls, indeed, just wanna have fun.

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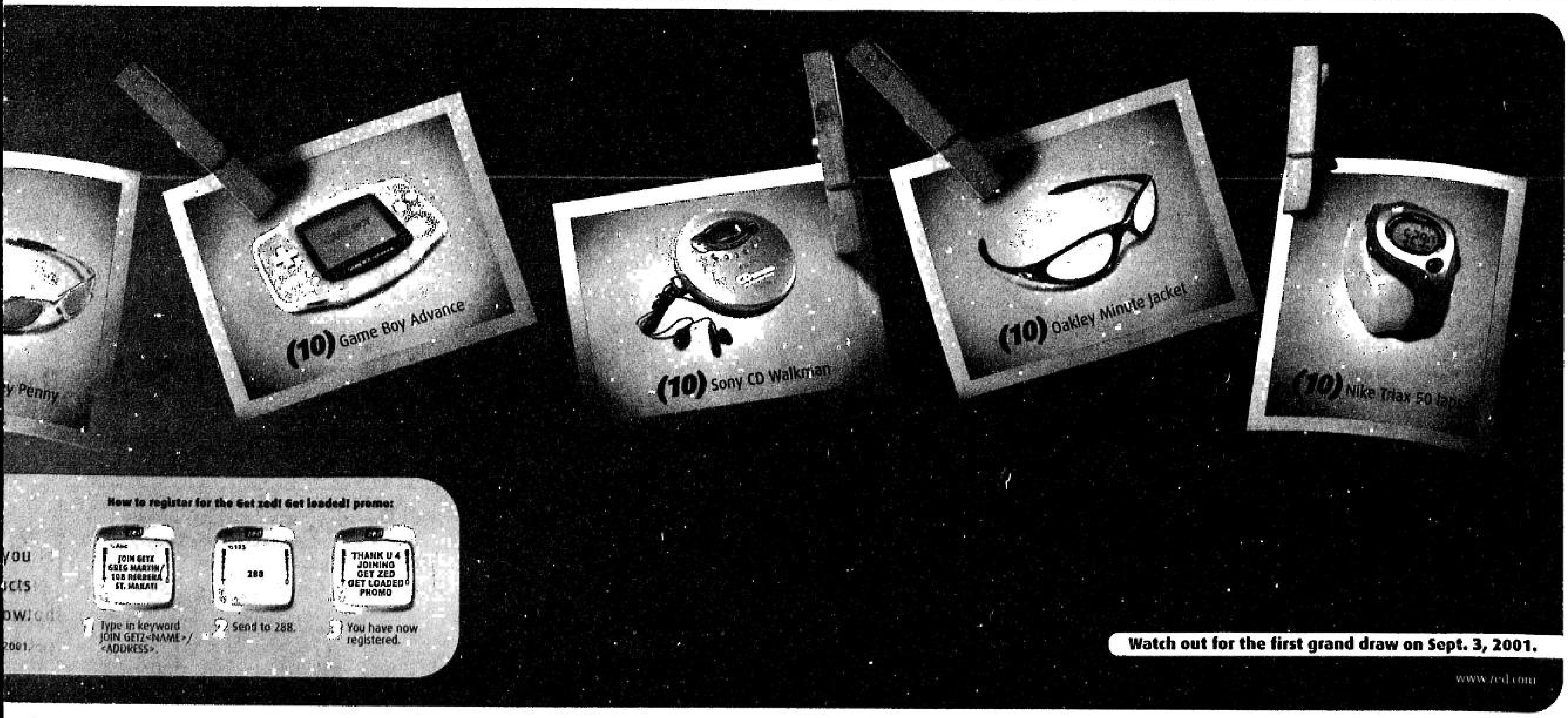

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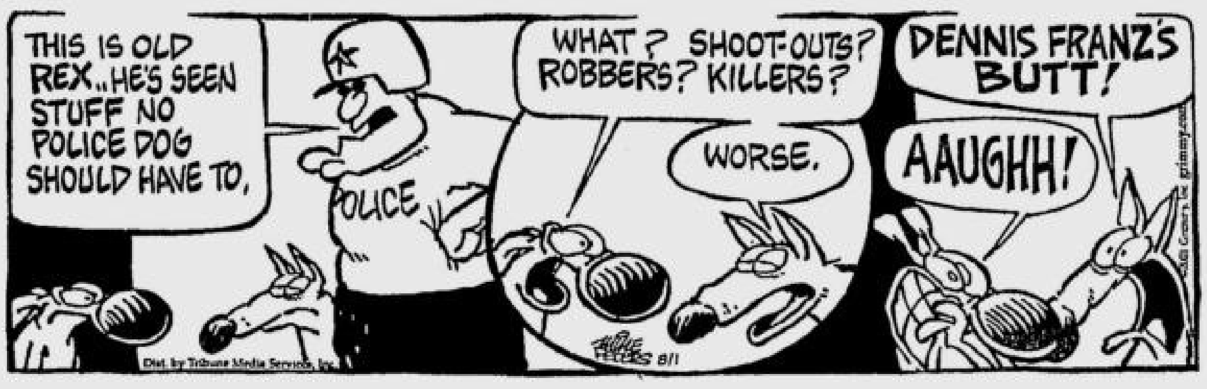
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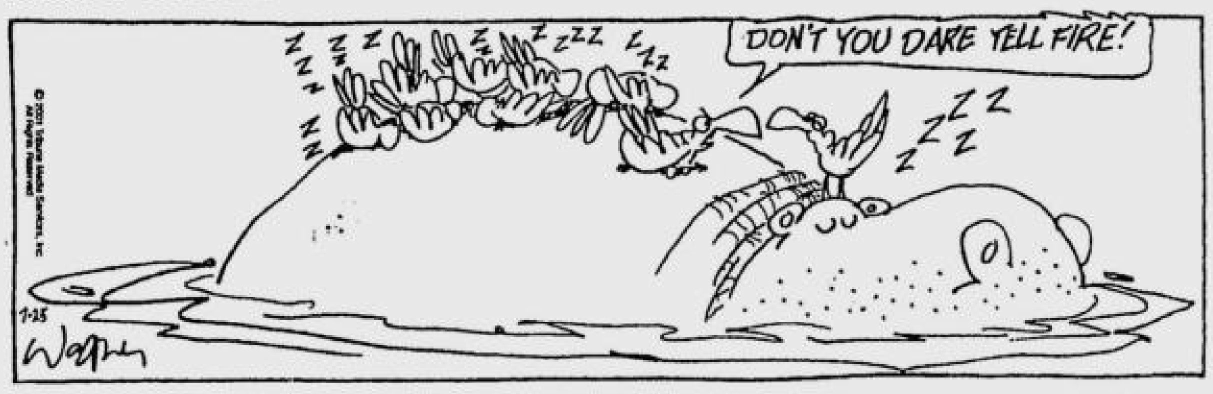
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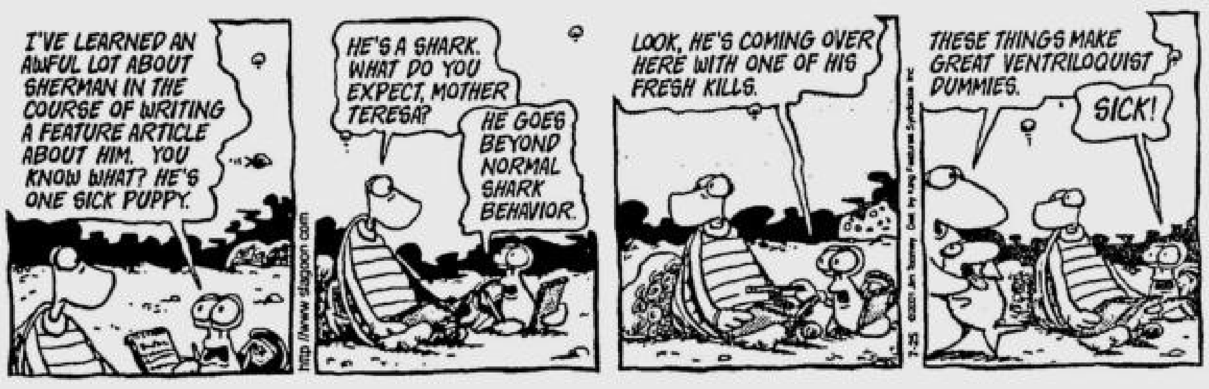
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HE GOES BEYOND NORMAL SHARK BEHAVIOR.
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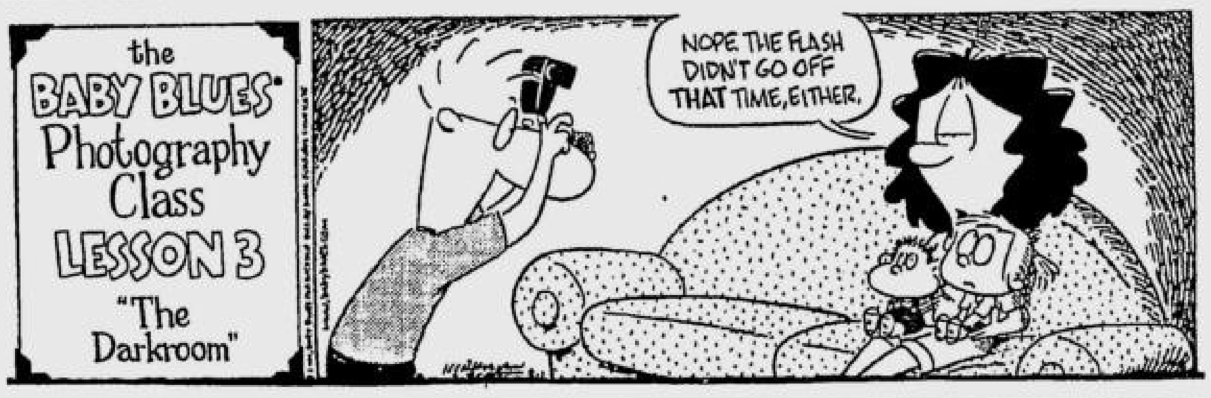
BY JERRY SCOTT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HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Michael Jackson, Rebecca De Mornay, Robin Leach, Elliott Gould, John McCain, Me'Shell NdegeOcello

Happy Birthday: To reach your goals this year, plan to go it alone. People who are lazy or incompetent will cause delays and make you angry. It will take dedication to your cause and preparation to get ahead. You will be persuasive, charming and enticing so reach for the top. Your numbers: 1, 20, 25, 33, 38, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The value of your house will increase with some renovations. Colleagues may be deceptive regarding their intentions. Avoid being dragged into gossip or unsavory situations at work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You re in a high creative cycle. Make an effort to finish off those projects that are dangling. Involvement with children will be enlightening. You can pick up new and worthwhile skills.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Beautification to your home will please everyone you live with. Your creative vision makes redecorating easy. Do a bit of searching to find some great secondhand buys.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your mate may not be as certain about the relationship. Play it smart and don't deliver unreasonable ultimatums. It's time to work on yourself, not your partner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Concentrate on your professional goals. You can dazzle your boss if you are willing to go that extra step. Also, make changes at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The more you focus on detail in your creative hobbies, the greater the rewards. Make changes to enhance your appearance and improve your self-image.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll have difficulty getting along with others today. Don't be too hasty to make decisions that could affect the rest of your life. Focus on making money rather than arguing with peers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There aren't enough hours in the day. The phone will ring off the hook, and plenty of responsibilities will be dropped in your lap.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't hesitate. You will be able to close business deals with ease, and new clients will be putty in your hands. Make all the right moves by following your instincts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Self-deception will be your worst enemy. Don't let false pride get in the way of salvaging a cherished situation. Don't make any decisions until you have time to rethink matters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Discuss your situation with someone you respect and trust. Be fair when describing the circumstances. Your friends' help will be based on what you tell them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your involvement in groups will be informative. Your creative approach to problems will put you in the limelight and also help you make positive contacts.

Birthday Baby: You're determination plus—one persistent little tyke who will always strive to be the best, do the best and become the best. You are charming, stylish and difficult to pin down.

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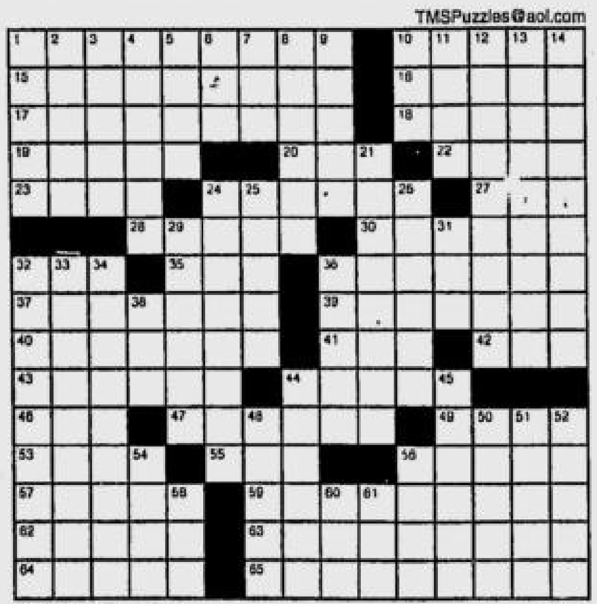

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17 Cause to be doubted
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19 Mirths
20 Elected off.
22 Vague amount
23 In __ (in actual being)
24 More than one
27 Advanced deg.
28 Wristwatch element
30 "__ of the Purple Sage"
32 Two performers
35 Ocasek of The Cars
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37 Itemized bill
39 Liven up
40 Covered with drop cloths
41 Gangster's heater
42 Dry: pref.
43 Grief
44 Preceding in order
46 Put a stop to
47 Honshu metropolis
49 Senior golfer Irwin
53 Debatable
55 Boring routine
56 Gaucho's cattle-catchers
57 Concise
59 Expiation
62 Slow in tempo, in music
63 Spinal bones
64 Piece of lawn-care equipment
65 Joint inflammation

DOWN
1 Long, narrow crest
2 Blue-dye plants
3 Attorney's workload
4 Hosts
5 __ d'oeuvres
6 Mispickel or galena
7 Unit of absorbed energy
8 Agitate
9 Diner patron
10 Sis's sib
11 Mythical birds of prey
12 1040 calculation
13 Prefigure indistinctly
14 Cold wind
21 Persecution delusion
24 Retail competition
25 Tied up
26 Sex drive
29 Spiral-shell mollusk
31 Poorly lit
32 Feign
33 Inglorious
34 Exaggerating
36 Truman or Morgan
38 "__ the fields we go..."
44 "M*A*S*H" colonel
45 Equilateral parallelograms
48 Tropical fruit
50 On the qui vive
51 Oahu porch
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61 Utmost degree

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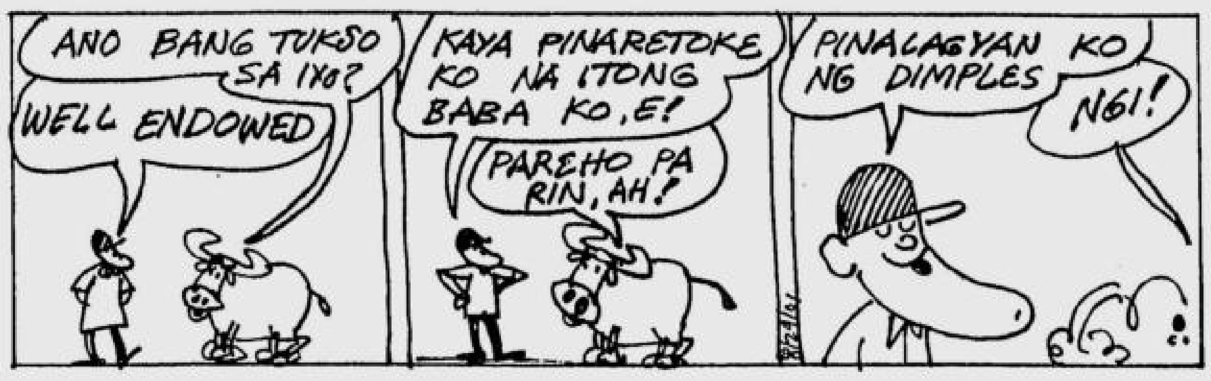
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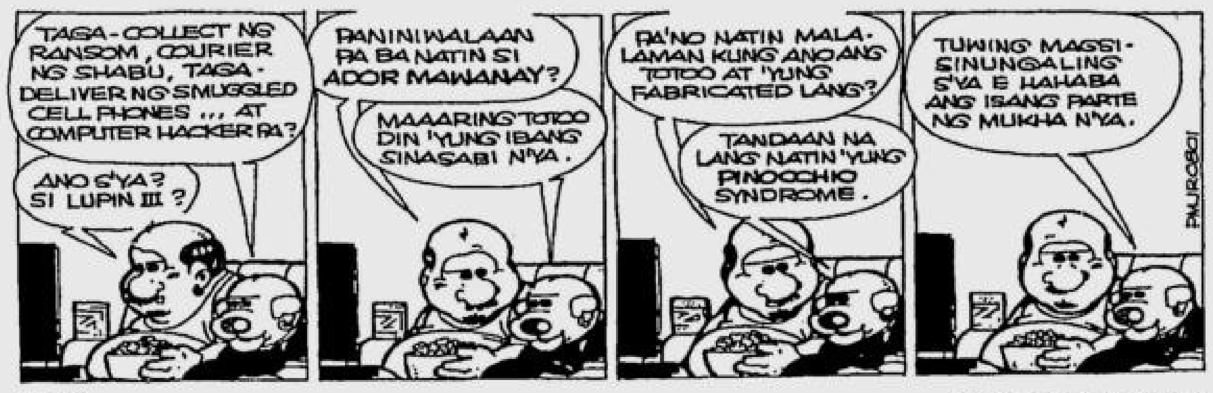
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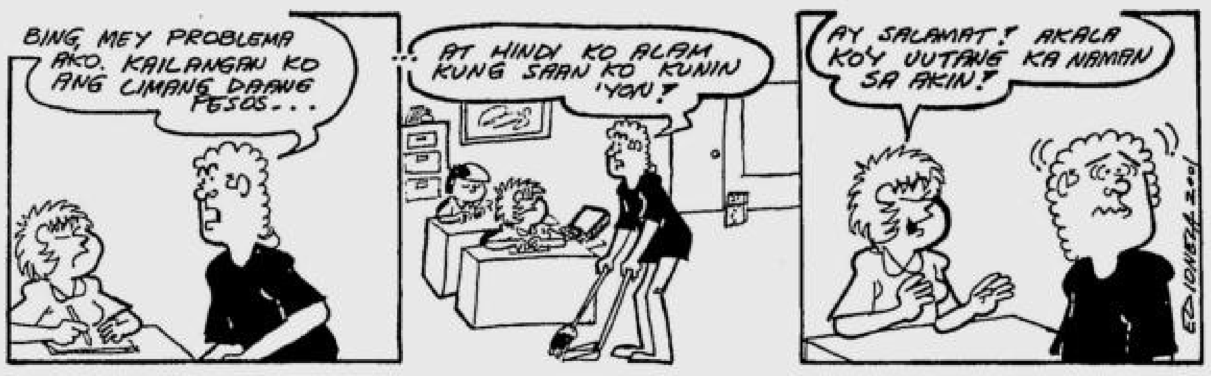
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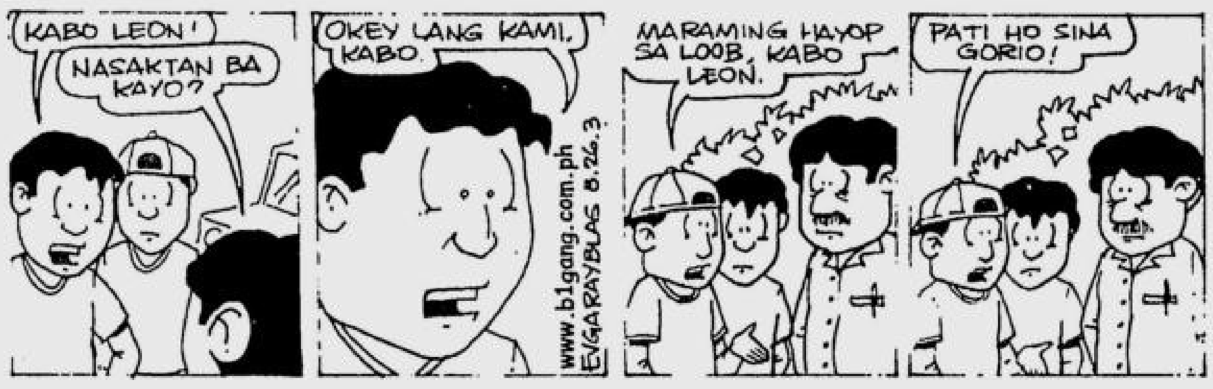
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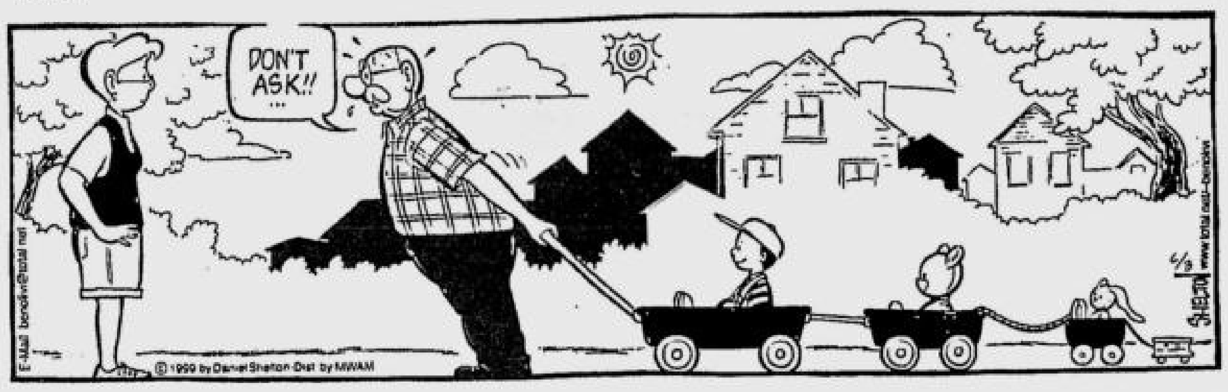
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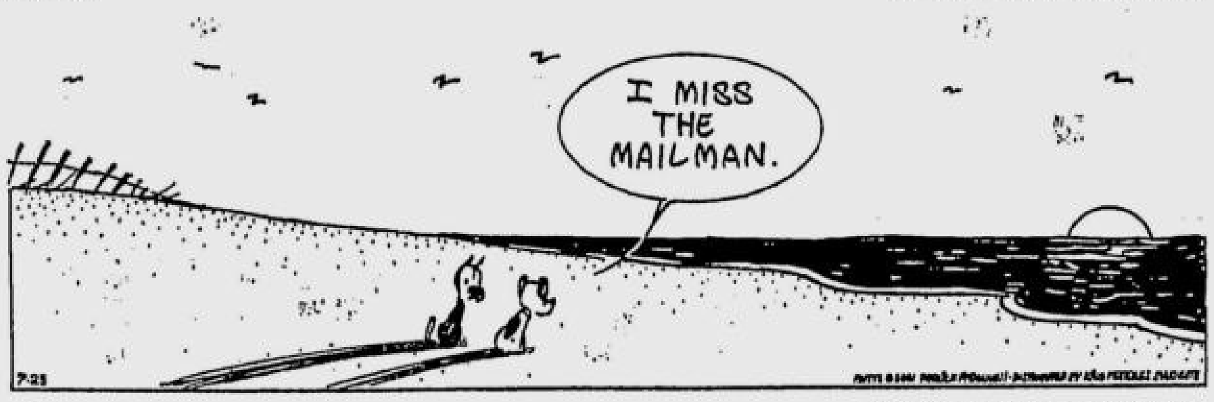
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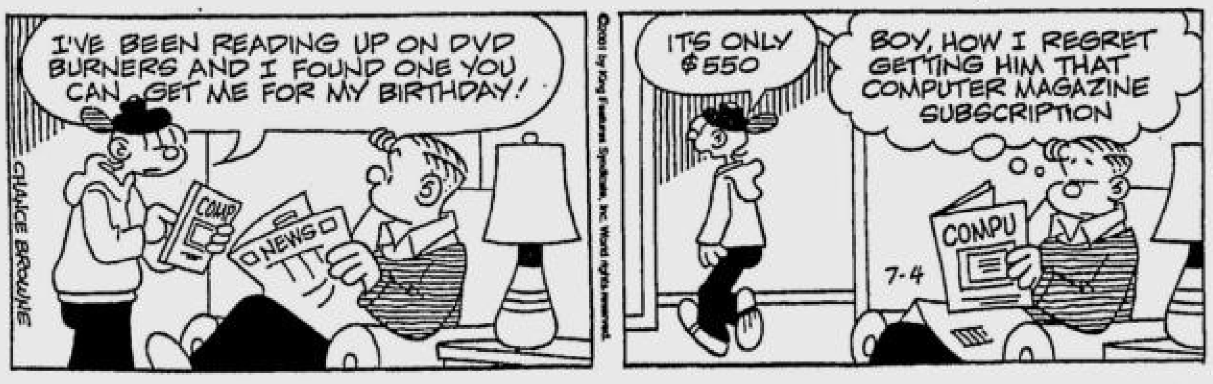
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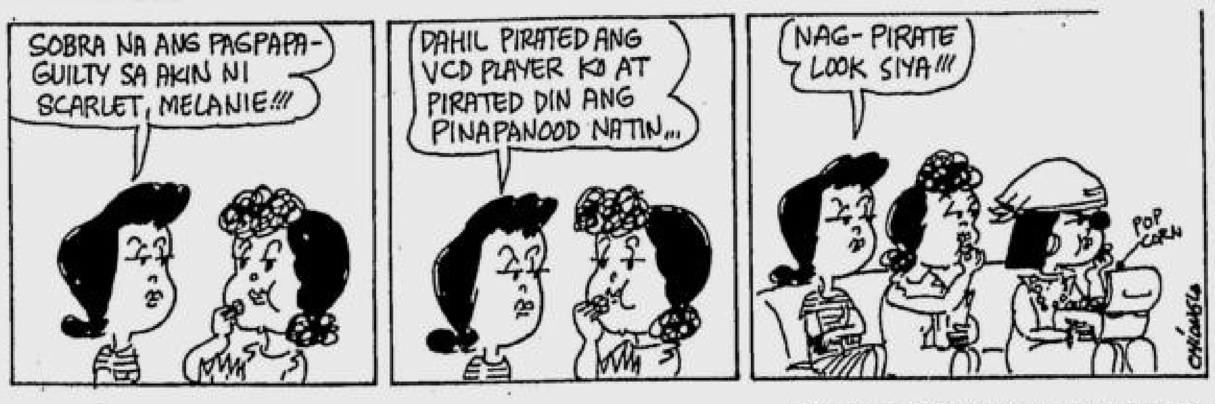
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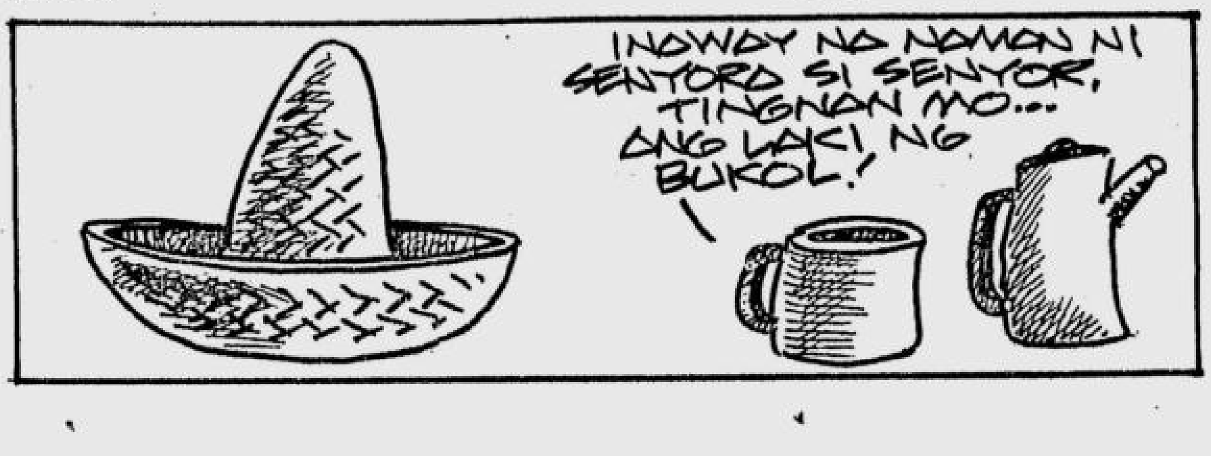
INOWDY NA NAMAN NI SENYORO SI SENYOR, TINGNAN MO... ANG LAKI NG BUKOL!

Old games survive in cyber age

By Angela Ignacio

ARGUABLY, there is not much about the '80s that merits a niche in your memory. Unlike in the psychedelic '70s and the hip-hoppin' '90s, few people and events made such a huge splash in the '80s that they would be permanently etched on our minds and hearts (the Milli Vanilli scam raised a lot of eyebrows, but that's beside the point). But the '80s saw the steady rise in popularity of a new toy that made and is still definitely making waves as far as entertainment systems are concerned.

Computer systems or consoles have been around for a considerable time. Before, very few homes were without an Atari or a Nintendo family computer console plugged into their television sets. The arrival of newer, sleeker models put these prototypes into the background. They were eventually replaced by models offering better graphics and more complex gameplay.

Plain? Yes. Outdated? Maybe. But fossils? Not just yet. The old game consoles are back with a vengeance, and they are out to prove they are more than just two-bit platforms

The "Galaxian" and "PacMan" used to be the hottest and most in-demand games and kids would put the Nintendo FamCom on top of their Christmas wish list. Now, they have become ghosts of a forgotten past. But let's blow the dust off some of our oldest consoles and rediscover what made them the ultimate playthings of our generation.

Atari VCS 2600. This was the forerunner of all eight-bit console systems. Typically consisting of a main console and two joysticks, it was released in 1977 and became a household name despite its simple graphics. Some of its most popular games were "Space Invaders," "Pole Position" and "PacMan." However, its popularity caused its downfall. Too many poor quality cartridges were produced.

Nintendo Family Computer. The console of the '80s. Nintendo edged Atari out of the competition, replacing joysticks with joypads, which was what controllers were called before. "Super Mario Bros." blazed its way to success. "Pinball," "Donkey Kong," "Ice Climber," "Tetris," "Circus Charlie," "Top Gun," "Double Dragon" and "Super Contra" were among the favorites.

Nintendo Entertainment System (NES). With its rising popularity as one of the leading console makers in the industry, Nintendo released in 1985 a more versatile eight-bit system, the NES. Aside from the color, it was also equipped with a sleek light gun, which provided a fresh angle to game playing, unlike the older model. Again, "Super Mario Bros." did very good business, along with "Duck Hunt" and "Legend of Zelda."

Sega Genesis. Seeing Nintendo's success, Sega got into console making and came out with the 16-bit Sega Genesis in 1989. Also known as the Mega Drive, it secured its own following with Sonic the Hedgehog carrying its banner.

Super Nintendo Entertainment System (SNES). The console of the early '90s. By this time, concerned about potential competition from Sega, Nintendo began working on improved systems. In 1991, it released SNES, an upgraded 16-bit version of the FamiCom. Of course, the graphics and game play had improved enormously, making Nintendo an even bigger name than before. Capcom, maker of "Marvel Superheroes vs. Street Fighter," and Konami, creator of "Zelda," supplied most of the games.

At present, while Sony's PlayStation and Sega's Dreamcast are battling to be No. 1 (with the PS emerging victorious in game and unit sales), the relatively new PlayStation 2 is still getting mixed reviews. Veteran gamers await with great anticipation Microsoft's Xbox and Nintendo's GameCube.

But many retrogamers are still happily blasting away at tiny parasitic aliens and feeding the little yellow guy with pellets, fruits and the occasional ghost to his heart's content. Now, if I could just remember where I stashed my old Game and Watch...

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GenXers' favorite reads growing up

(From page D3)

American female model on the cover. It could be read in an hour or so, always revolving around the sweet, thrilling possibility of romance. The female protagonists might be working in a movie set, vacationing in New Mexico or joining a Highland dancing competition, but they had a singular goal in life: To fall in love with the perfect boy and live happily ever after. Though the Sweet Dreams novels are mostly fluff without substance, it provides good, clean fun for every swooning teenager to live out vicariously their fantasies of love.

Nancy Drew

Few people our age have not read at least one Nancy Drew mystery. This eternally 18, strawberry blond amateur detective, together with friends Bess Marvin and George Fayne, has remained in the hearts of those who inherited the books from their moms and aunts. The popular series is now in video games and interactive CD-ROM mysteries. Nancy Drew Notebooks are available for the preteens and there are Nancy Drew Cookbooks, even a Nancy Drew Playboy magazine cover. Written by Carolyn Keene (actually a pseudonym for various writers), the original hardbound series premiered with "The Secret of the Old Clock" and now totals 160 mysteries. Hardbound versions of the early books are now worth as much as $40 each.

It is actually disappointing how the books are written these days. Before, these mysteries were real brainteasers. Now, though, most of the stories are, well, boring, to say the least. But still, more out of habit than anything else, I find myself peeking at the more "modern" versions of one of the world's most famous detective.

Sweet Valley

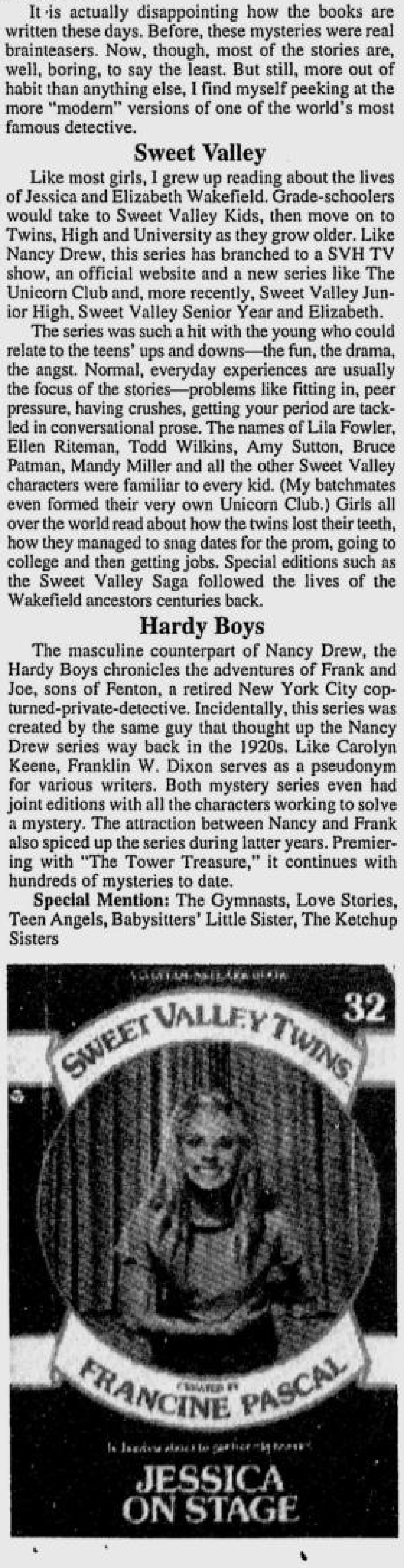
Like most girls, I grew up reading about the lives of Jessica and Elizabeth Wakefield. Grade-schoolers would take to Sweet Valley Kids, then move on to Twins, High and University as they grow older. Like Nancy Drew, this series has branched to a SVH TV show, an official website and a new series like The Unicorn Club and, more recently, Sweet Valley Junior High, Sweet Valley Senior Year and Elizabeth.

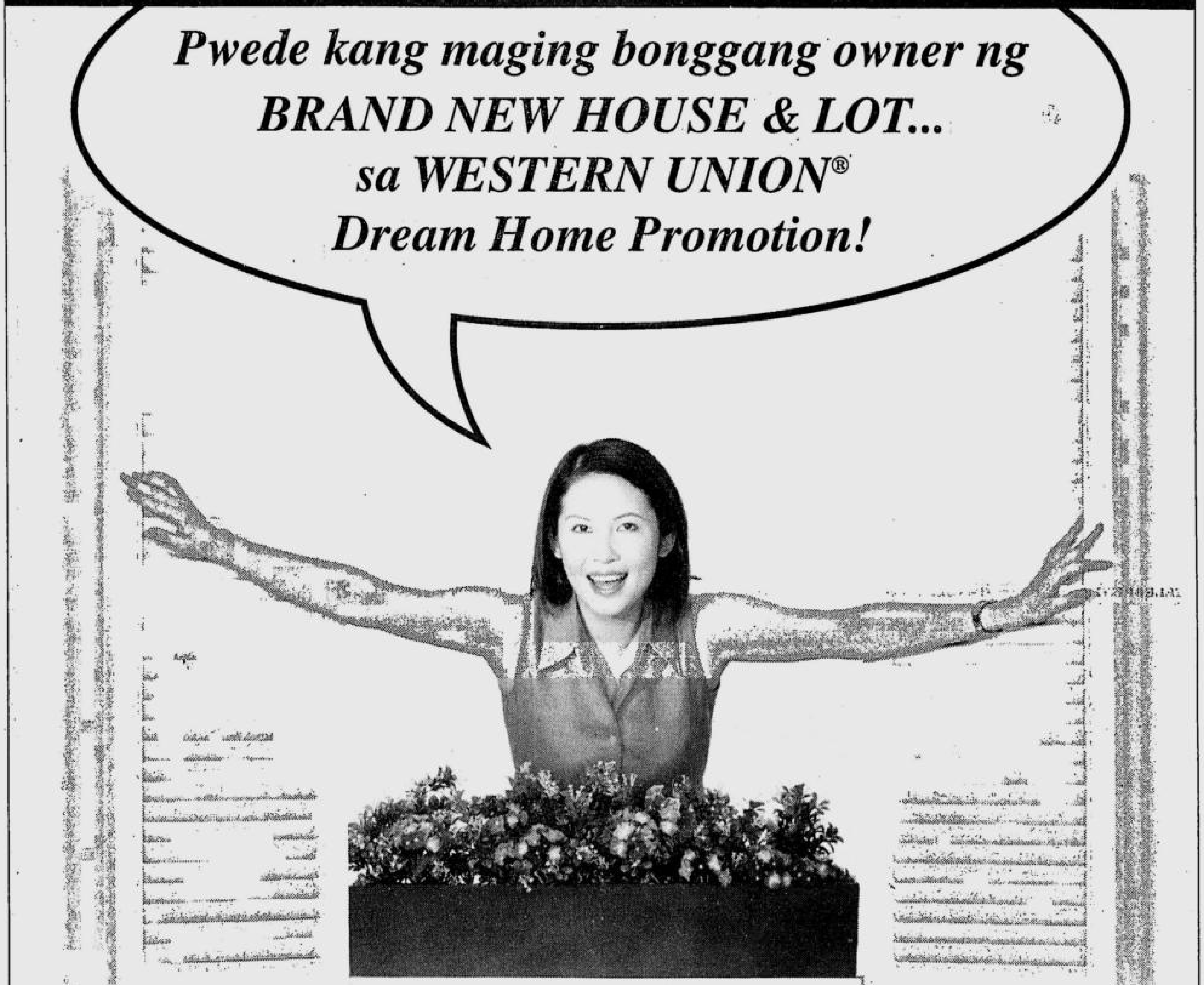
The series was such a hit with the young who could relate to the teens' ups and downs—the fun, the drama, the angst. Normal, everyday experiences are usually the focus of the stories—problems like fitting in, peer pressure, having crushes, getting your period are tackled in conversational prose. The names of Lila Fowler, Ellen Riteman, Todd Wilkins, Amy Sutton, Bruce Patman, Mandy Miller and all the other Sweet Valley characters were familiar to every kid. (My batchmates even formed their very own Unicorn Club.) Girls all over the world read about how the twins lost their teeth, how they managed to snag dates for the prom, going to college and then getting jobs. Special editions such as the Sweet Valley Saga followed the lives of the Wakefield ancestors centuries back.

Hardy Boys

The masculine counterpart of Nancy Drew, the Hardy Boys chronicles the adventures of Frank and Joe, sons of Fenton, a retired New York City cop-turned-private-detective. Incidentally, this series was created by the same guy that thought up the Nancy Drew series way back in the 1920s. Like Carolyn Keene, Franklin W. Dixon serves as a pseudonym for various writers. Both mystery series even had joint editions with all the characters working to solve a mystery. The attraction between Nancy and Frank also spiced up the series during latter years. Premiering with "The Tower Treasure," it continues with hundreds of mysteries to date.

Special Mention: The Gymnasts, Love Stories, Teen Angels, Babysitters' Little Sister, The Ketchup Sisters

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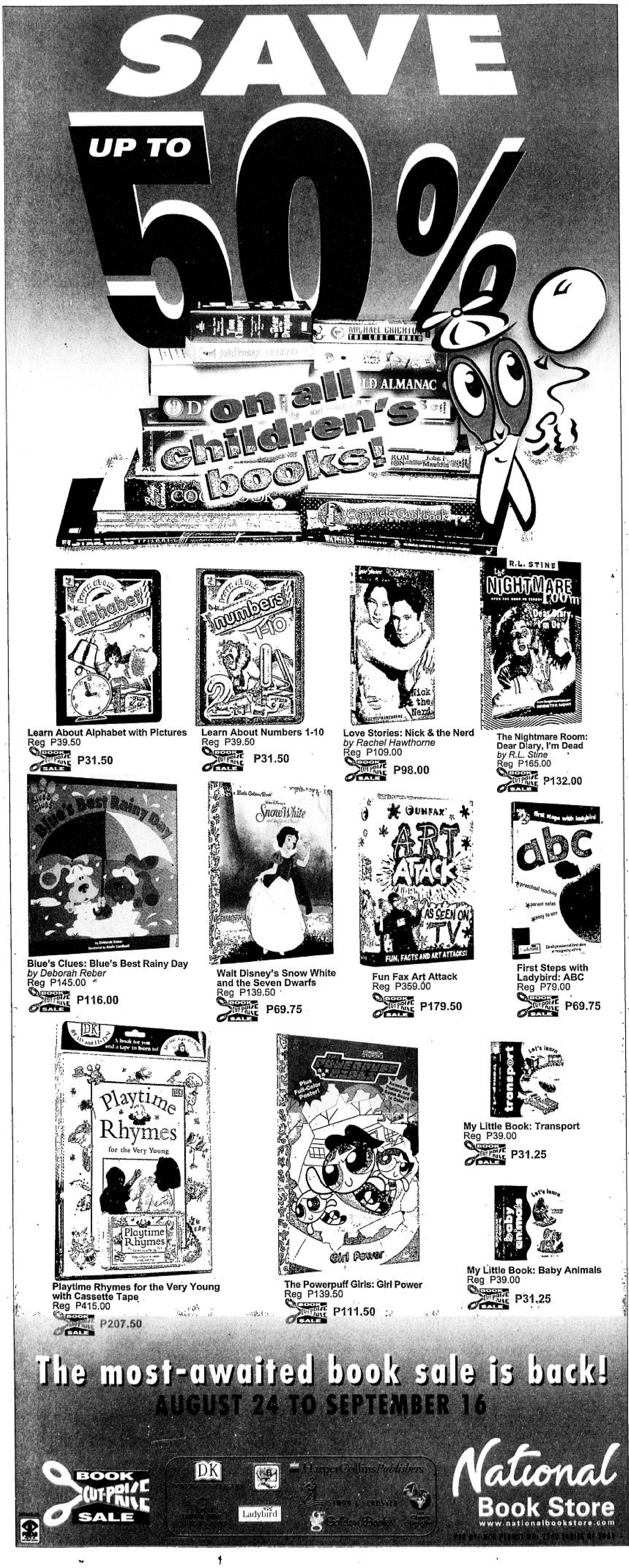

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Songs in the key of life

BY JULES ALCANTARA

FLASHBACK: Fourth grade. The annual United Nations program circa '80s.

You guys know this gig—every kid is assigned to represent a country during the school program commemorating the anniversary of the United Nations. I was tasked to represent the United States. We were just supposed to wear our costume, line up, wait for our turns at the podium and once there, announce the name of the country we were representing, à la Miss Universe. Of course, to spice up the program, one of the teachers came up with a "brilliant" idea of coming up with a Talent Portion.

One of my classmates was going to dance to a Thai tune. This girl representing India was going to sing an Indian song. I was unprepared. I was way too busy fussing about my USA costume—which, by the way, was that of a fairy. Don't ask me why. Anyway, before I knew it, it was my turn. There I was, standing at the podium—for a whole two minutes, I was just there. Standing.

Then inspiration hit me. Madonna was No. 1 in the US pop charts. She's American, right? Her songs are in English, I thought to myself. Before I tell you what I did, can I just remind you that this was way back in fourth grade?

A cappella, I belted out "Crazy for You." Mind you, I am not a singer—you can just imagine the shock of the audience, which was mostly made up of parents of the students. I must have assaulted their senses—no reactions, not even polite applause!

To this very day, even though I adore the ground Madonna walks on, I still cannot bear to listen to "Crazy for You." I get shivers down my spine just remembering that sordid moment which, to put it mildly, has put a stop to my illusions of becoming a singer.

Moving on, here are a couple of popular ditties in the '80s—guaranteed to send you on a trip down memory lane.

'Especially for You' and 'Locomotion' by Kylie Minogue

Tammy, our resident music genius, immediately texted these songs when I did an informal survey on what songs people still remember from the '80s. "This goes to show that even at a young age, I was *baduy* and cheesy," she says. Let's all come out in the open and admit that we all knew the lyrics to these songs by heart. Geez, I'm sure we can still do the steps to "Locomotion"—albeit now, I wouldn't dare dance to this song, if my life depended on it.

And speaking of "Especially for You," who was that guy again who sang this duet with Kylie Minogue? *(Jason Donovan—Ed.)* Kylie Minogue is *uso* again, but I wonder whatever happened to that guy she sang with. *(He appeared in the hit West End reissue of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat"—Ed.)* I will forever associate "Especially for You" with Ateneans. The Ateneo dance was a big event that we all looked forward to every year. There was one particular year wherein they named the dance, "Especially for Blue," after the popular song. It was during this dance that I first got to dance with a guy—alone. For once, we didn't dance like a herd of elephants on the dance floor.

'Growing Up' and 'Farewell to You My Friend'

It can't be helped. Any mention of the '80s and, more often than not, people will always mention "Bagets." And the movie's theme song, "Growing Up," cannot but be part of the discussion. This movie made such an impact—I mean it took some time before I got over my fixation with Aga Muhlach. The song is timeless.

"Farewell to You My Friend" was such a hit I even remember two of classmates almost getting into a fistfight about who had the right lyrics to this song. In fact, it is safe to say that this song is the unofficial graduation song of any batch of any school. Whenever I hear this song, I can't help but remember my car pool mates. It was our last day in high school, thus our last day as car pool mates.

For some strange reason, our driver, who was so addicted to listening to AM radio (much to our consternation) switched to an FM radio station—and by sheer coincidence "Growing Up" was playing on the radio. "*Uyy bagay 'to sa inyo—para mamaya mag-iyakan na kayo*," he teased us. Of course, hearing this ruined the moment for us.

'Bakit Ba Ganyan'—Dina Bonnevie

For the life of me, I can never explain why this is the first Tagalog song that comes to my mind every time I reminisce about the '80s. *(Because you are among the last remnants of the Dina Bonnevie-Vic Sotto fan's club—Ed.)* Could it be that this was probably one of the most overplayed songs on the radio of that era? It freaks me out so much that I can even remember the lyrics of this song—even in my sleep!

"She Bop" and "Name Game"

Pam threatened to sue me if I didn't include these songs in the list. Apparently, these songs bring back vivid memories for our chief of correspondents. "I remember we were asked to dance to these songs together with my cousins. I was 4 and we were in bathing suits," she "fondly" recalls. You may email her at p-a-m-m-y@gurlmail.com for a more detailed recollection.

'Buttercup'

Actually, it's all the songs on those ubiquitous "Chorus Girl" CDs. I mean, if you seriously want to take a trip down the '80s memory lane, then just pop one of the "Chorus Girl" CDs in your player.

To be honest, hearing "Buttercup" has become an annoying and irritating experience. I mean, I actually know some people who play this song day in and out. I can't help but suspect that maybe behind those lyrics lie a Morse Code that can communicate with aliens or something. The only reason this song is included is to avoid incurring the ire of those "Buttercup" fanatics. Just in case aliens do invade the planet, I do want to be on their good side.

'True' (Spandau Ballet) and 'If You Leave' (OMD)

I can name these tunes in half a note. Honest. This is how much I love these songs. Permit me to become mawkish and sentimental for a bit—I can't help but remember my school crushes. There was Guy A who was "husband" in the marriage booth in our high school fair. There was Guy B who looked so much like Tom Cruise that even up to my now I still feel a pain in my chest every time I remember him (Do I sound like I'm still pining for him?). And there was Guy C, who was Guy B's best friend, who serenaded me with this song while we were in the swing in San Lo Park.

'Like a Virgin' and 'Borderline'

The '80s would not be complete without including these hits of Madonna. She was the pop icon of the '80s, and Jason and I are in complete agreement that to this very day, she is still *the* pop icon to contend with—move over, Britney and Christina! Ask any disciple of the Material Girl what his/her favorite Madonna song is and more often than not, it's "Borderline."

It would not even be an exaggeration to say that every nook and cranny of this country probably still remembers the lyrics to "Like a Virgin." The millennium has already dawned on us and yet one out of three contestants in these kiddie beauty contests is bound to perform "Like a Virgin" for the talent portion. What can I say? Madonna has defied all the rules and she's a good guidepost for a trip down memory lane.

'Domo Arigato Mr. Roboto'

One of 2bU's favorite people, Quark Henares, used to dance to this song when he was a kid. Huh? What is this song? Go figure. *(It's by the rock group Styx. It's part of a concept album that had some mixed success. It's not a dance song but, hey, the things you did when you were a kid!—Ed.)*

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Where are they now?

BY CHONA GALANG AND MARICAR TOLOSA
PDI Research

THEY were young. They were making money. They were famous. And admit it, we envied them. Whether we liked them or not is beside the point. The point being, that they were enjoying themselves and they were raking in the bucks.

Now fast forward to this day, whatever happened to those young celebrities?

After much research, prayers and luck, the Inquirer Research Department of the INQUIRER managed to catch up on some of these young performers.

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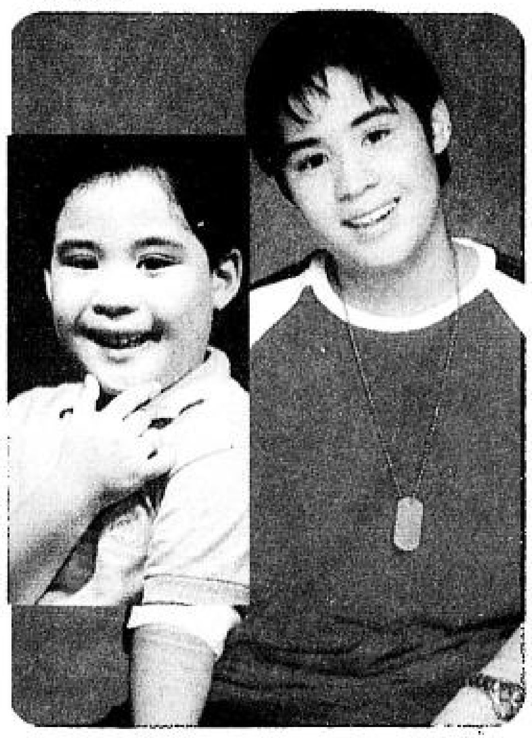
SARAH JANE ABAD

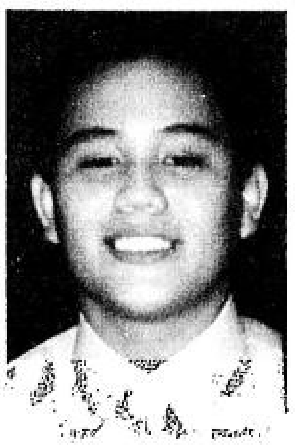
This young girl who starred in drama movies in the early '90s costarred with show-biz heavyweights like Lorna Tolentino, Nora Aunor and Dawn Zulueta. Upon reaching that awkward stage of adolescence, movie offers became scarce so she decided to fully concentrate on her studies. Currently a third year high school student at the St. Benedict College, she has left acting to her older sister Kaye.

LA LOPEZ

As a 5-year-old tyke in 1991, he joined "Eat Bulaga's" "That's My Boy" contest and won second runner-up. He then bagged a role in Dolphy's "John en Marsha" the movie and went on to appear in several television shows, commercials and movies.

Currently, he is a third year high school student at Sunny Hill. And after a four-year hiatus, he will again be making public appearances to promote his album under Star Records.





CHRIS DE VENECIA

At age 7, the son of then—and now—Speaker of the House Jose de Venecia entered show business. He became a mainstay of the popular television sitcom "Ober da Bakod" until the show bowed out of television four years later. During his career he bagged a Young Achievers Award in 1994 and managed to make five movies. Now a 14-year-old student at the Ateneo de Manila, Chris does not see himself going back to show business.

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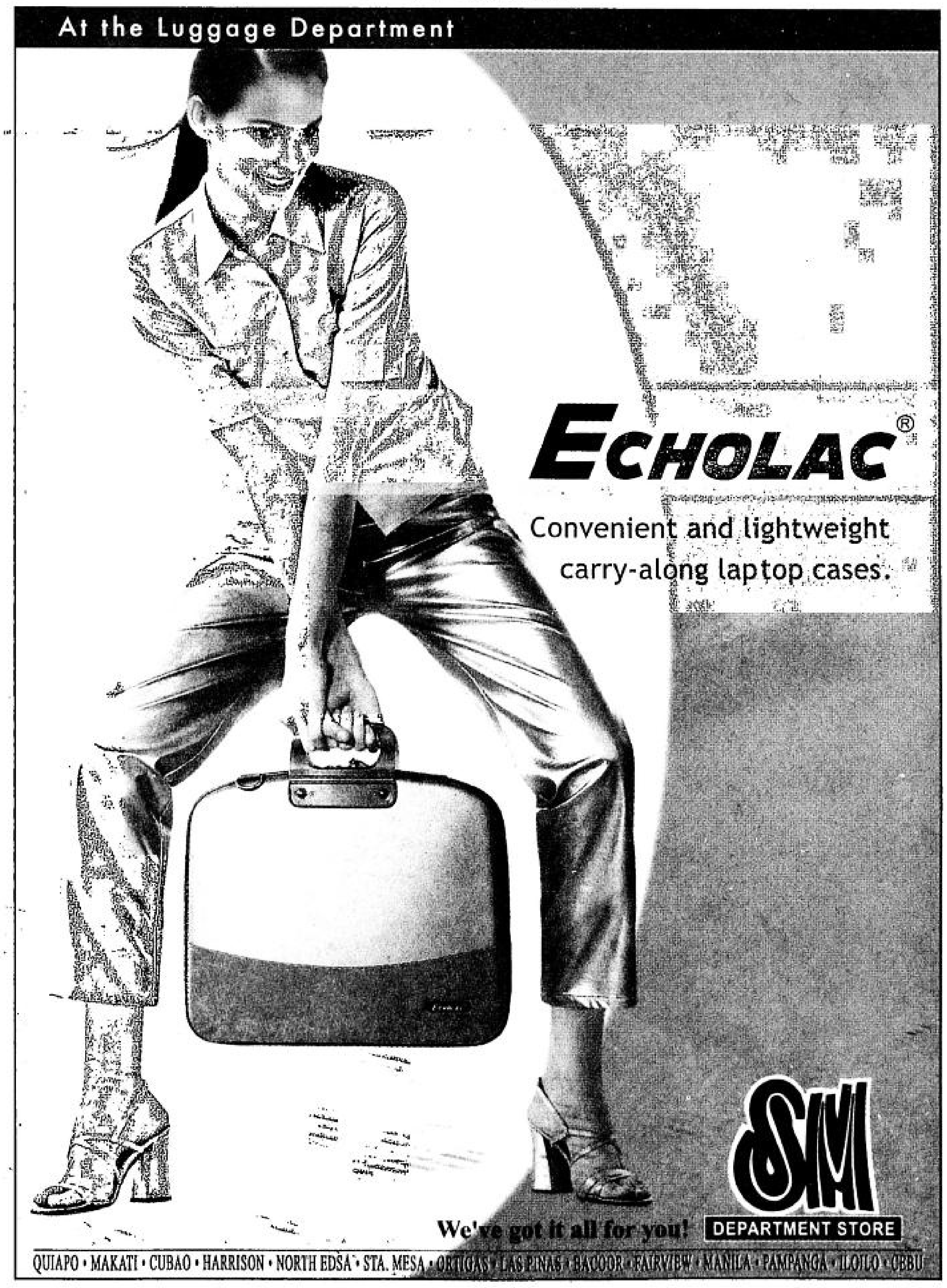
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Children of the '80s tube

Plop down on a comfy couch and pass the potato chips as 2bU! takes you on a trip down 'Sesame Street' and back to the wonder years of TV shows

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JIM Henson and his muppets

BILL Cosby (second row, from left) as Dr. Heathcliff Huxtable on "The Cosby Show"

YOU ran around yelling "Let's… Volt… Innn!" at the top of your lungs. You owned at least one G.I. Joe action figure or a My Little Pony doll. And while growing up, you either wanted to be He-Man or She-Ra. If all of these apply to you, read on.

While other kids would get all muddy and sweaty under the sun, you'd be indoors sprawled comfortably on the couch, eyes glued to the boob tube. And who could blame you anyway, with all those great shows that were just too irresistible to pass up? From "Sesame Street" to "21 Jump Street," the latter part of the 20th century spawned a bevy of noteworthy programs that more or less maintained a firm grip on the minds of TV viewers everywhere. Without further ado, here are some of the most memorable old-time shows to help you remember the days of yore.

Cartoons/kiddie shows

"Sesame Street." You've completely missed your childhood if you haven't watched this. With "Sesame Street," who needed nannies?

"Batibot." Pong Pagong and Kiko Matsing were my pals together with Ernie and Bert when I was growing up. Needless to say, I had one heck of a happy childhood.

"The Muppet Show." Got to love the two grumpy old puppets at the start of every show. See Kermit, Miss Piggy and their wacky menagerie strut their stuff.

Nickelodeon shows. Yes, there were shows older than "All That." Among these were "Double Dare," "Finders Keepers" and "You Can't Do That on Television," where a young Alanis Morissette with a curly bob was a mainstay.

"He-Man." Every little boy's idol. Why wouldn't he be, with his tanned, beefed-up body and awesome sword? His hair could have used a little trimming, though.

"She-Ra." Every little girl's idol, right up there with the likes of Barbie and Rainbow Brite. She was the '80s prototype of girl power who showed 'em that guys weren't the only ones who could kick enemy butt.

"Thundercats." "Thunder-Thunder-Thundercats, Ho!" One of the most popular afternoon cartoons, these half-human, half-feline heroes set out to—what else?—save the world from the bad guy and his minions.

"G.I. Joe." "The real American hero(es)." Need I say more?

"Transformers." Optimus Prime's death was hands-down the single most traumatizing thing that ever happened to kids back then. I think I actually buried my uncle's toy somewhere.

"My Little Pony and Friends." Why else would little girls bug their parents to buy them a horse?

"Care Bears." Admit it, you drew your favorite bear's symbol on your stomach and tried to zap a cockroach with your Care Bears Stare. I know I did.

"Voltes V." You sang along with the TV even though you had no idea whatsoever what the lyrics meant. No need to be shy, we've all been through that.

"Daimos." "Erikaaaa!" "Richaaard!" For Pete's sake, go hug each other.

THE CUTE and cuddly Care Bears and, uh, a penguin

"Macross/Robotech." I've been a fan of this anime mecha series for as long as I can remember. Excellent graphics, awesome fight sequences, Rick Hunter… Well, you get the picture.

"Bioman." The forerunner of the "Power Rangers." Kids knew you by your Bioman alias before your real name. At least, that was how things were in my preschool.

"Shaider." Another Japanese masked crusader fighting alien invaders while the whole world goes about its business. I sort of pitied these heroes; they never seemed to get their due credit.

"Super Mario Bros."/"Zelda." Saturday mornings were never complete without these back-to-back cartoons.

ALF, the lovable alien

"Garfield and Friends." He was the first cartoon character I recognized. My pediatrician's clinic was so stuffed with Garfield toys and paraphernalia that I literally saw black and orange whenever I got my shots.

"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles." Our favorite heroes in a half-shell.

"Jem and the Holograms." '80s rock and fashion at its best (or worst). Apparently, poufy 'dos and fishnet stockings were still considered hot.

"Super Book." A great way for children to learn about the Bible. A couple of kids got sucked into a book and watched the different Bible stories unfold before their very eyes.

"Flying House." Super Book's sister series. Same concept, different mode of transport.

"Ghostbusters." All the kids fell in love with a floating green lump of muck. Go figure.

Other shows

"The Cosby Show." See, Bill Cosby was young once, too.

"The Wonder Years." Witness the ups and downs of prepubescent life as seen from Fred Savage's point of view. Who could ever forget this adorable long-lashed boy?

"The Golden Girls." Four ladies with as much spunk and wit as the next teenager.

"Perfect Strangers." Think Kenan and Kel, only white and older.

"Alf." An alien that looked like a cross between an anteater and a sheepdog. Did I mention adorable?

"21 Jump Street." Johnny Depp. Enough said.

"Knight Rider." A perfect example of the lead actor being upstaged by his car, and for darn good reason, too—a scrawny David Hasselhoff in a leather jacket next to an ultrasleek, talking black Pontiac? Take your pick. (He wasn't that bad-looking, though.)

"Miami Vice." Don Johnson busting crimes in his ubiquitous linen blazers and espadrilles.

"Doogie Howser, M.D." He graduated from Princeton, topped the board exams and became one of the most sought-after doctors in history—all before he turned 20. What the heck did they put in his food???

"McGyver." He singlehandedly diffused bombs, eluded booby traps, caught thugs and generally saved the day. All in a day's work.

"Rescue 911." The former "Star Trek" captain now pilot of a rescue drama series, William Shatner narrated true-to-life stories of bravery and near-death experiences. It's shows like these that make me even more convinced that there really is a God.

"Name that Tune." "I can name that tune in one note!" That was probably one of the most astounding things I have ever heard while watching that show. How in the world can you ever know a song by its first note?

"Star Search." Hosted by Ed McMahon, this talent show served as a launch pad for wannabes in the music industry. Justin Timberlake of 'N Sync, Christina Aguilera and Britney Spears all pitted their talents against other kids back when they were still relative unknowns.

"Anna Lisa." Literally translated as "The Girl with Hyperactive Tear Ducts." Man, can she turn on the tears.

"Wok with Yan." My heart's fondest wish was to be one of the audience members who got to taste Mr. Yan's mouth-watering cooking. But alas, I could only dream. Ah, those were the days…

"Growing up happens in a heartbeat. One day you're in diapers; the next day you're gone. But the memories of childhood stay with you for the long haul." Truly, Kevin Arnold couldn't have put it in a better way.

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LARRY (front row, second from left) and Balky (front row, second from right) and the cast of "Perfect Strangers"

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Where are they now?

LADY LEE

After joining "Eat Bulaga's" Little Miss Philippines in 1990 at the age of 4, she became Aiza Seguerra's sidekick on the same show for a couple of years. Her first movie, "Kailan Ka Magiging Akin?," was directed by no less than Chito Roño and costarred Janice de Belen and Gabby Concepcion. She also managed to reap acting awards as a child performer.

Now 15, she is a third year high school student at the Manila Cathedral School. Her show-biz career is on hold while she makes up her mind on whether to pursue medicine or mass communications in college.

JOSEPHINE "BANIG" ROBERTO

At the age of 7, she joined "Ang Bagong Kampeon" and was champion for seven weeks. At age 10, she joined the International Star Search in the United States and became its first and only Filipino champion. Her victory led to numerous guest appearances in television shows, including "The Arsenio Hall Show," and concerts, here and abroad.

Now 21, Banig is preparing for the release of her second CD in the US. She will be putting up her own production company, which she hopes will help aspiring artists get the big break in the highly competitive US music industry. Feeling quite apprehensive about doing shows in the Philippines because people might not remember her anymore, Banig is nonetheless willing and eager to stage one here again.

PATRICIA ANN ROQUE

Usually playing the kind and sweet girl in movies and television shows, Patricia was cast in a movie by Regal Films after Lily Monteverde, the studio boss, saw her in a PLDT ad when she was 4. She appeared in several more commercials, television programs and movies, including Reyna Films' "Kahapon May Dalawang Bata."

She is now 13 and a high school freshman in an exclusive school. And though her top priority is her studies, she makes occasional appearances in different television shows. Presently, her career is managed by the ABS-CBN Talent Center.

JAO MAPA

A certified teen heartthrob of the '90s, this young man decided to quit show biz at the turn of the century and concentrate on his other passions in life, i.e. painting and photography. Currently a fine arts major at the University of Santo Tomas, he also works at Asian Photograph Images as an assistant photographer. Fans who may want to know what he is doing these days should check out his website, which he regularly updates: www.skyboom.com/jaomapa.

IC MENDOZA

He was tagged as the "new child wonder of Philippine cinema" and his first movie role on "Shake, Rattle Roll 4" won for him the Best Child Performer award in the 1992 Metro Manila Filmfest. He starred in several other movies and television shows. Despite his many talents, IC, now 13 and a third year high school student, has no plans of reviving his show-biz career.

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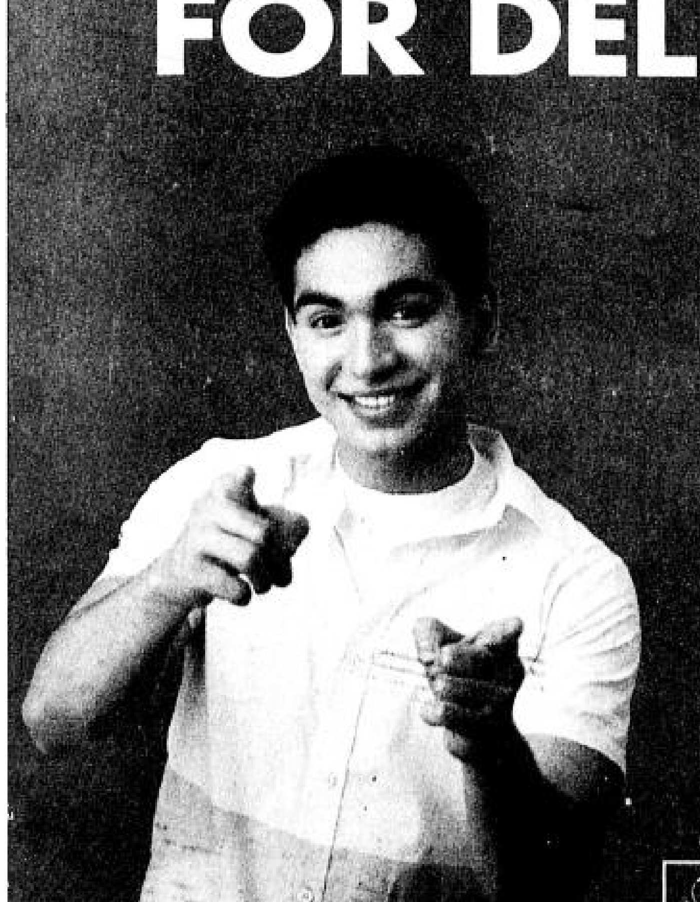

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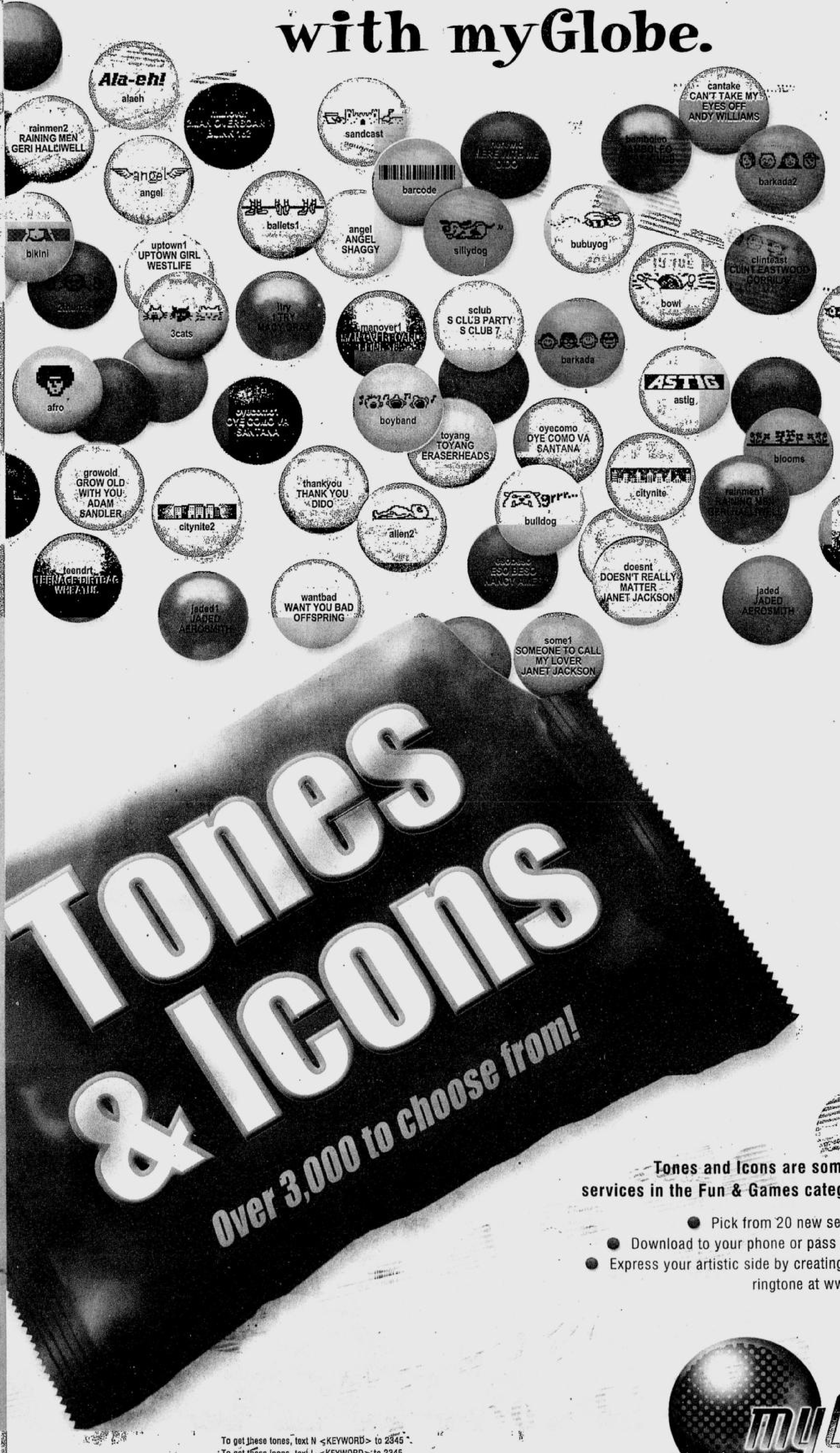
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